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Talks under way for return of Ilya's remains

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Negotiations for the return of the remains of Third Petty Officer Itamar Ilya, the naval commando who yesterday was officially declared killed in action, appear to be under way. International Red Cross officials have reportedly forwarded a message on the matter from Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak, refused to comment on the

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah has said he would be willing to undertake negotiations for a swap of prisoners held by the South Lebanese Army and Israel in exchange for Ilya's

Red Cross representative Jean Jacques Farser met with Hariri yesterday afternoon and reportedly handed him a letter from' Netanyahu. In a televised inter-view, Farser told reporters: "This issue is dignity. You must try and avoid pictures shown in the media recently. I advise using one

channel for the negotiations and your prime minister bas agreed, otherwise it becomes too mud-

Farser predicted the negotiations would take some time. He said he had met with Nasrallah the day before, but refused to dis-

cuss the meeting.

Meanwhile, IDF Spokesman
Brig.-Gen. Oded Ben-Ami lashed out at recent media reports on the inquiry into last Friday's unsuccessful commando raid in Lebanon, saying the reports were disrespectful to those who lost

their lives. He denied that the media bave the right to publish speculations regarding the inquiry, some of which might bave been leaked by IDF officers.
"I find it hard to believe that

any IDF officers would leak highly classified information and I condemn such acts, but the media cannot carry out their own investigation," he said. "Once the inquiry is completed and the findings are published, then it will be legitimate for the media to speculate or to question the

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told reporters that, in a meeting two days ago with Netanyahu and Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, naval commandos asked to be allowed to continue carrying out

missions. They are our war-

riors," he said. Chief Chaplain Maj.-Gen. Gad Navon yesterday formally declared Ilya a casualty whose burial place is unknown. He issued his determination after studying the report of the raid

and receiving the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee's declaration that a condition of national emergency existed at the time of the raid. This brings the official toll of those killed to 12.

Also yesterday, the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee received Israel's protest regarding the Hizbullah allack on an IDF outpost that resulted in the death of Nahal Lt. Avraham Bok on Sunday, Israel claimed that the deadly mortar rounds had been

The committee demanded that Lebanon prevent violations of the agreement and take steps to ensure that Hizbullah does not

fire from populated areas. The committee rejected Lebanese claims regarding last week's commando raid, affirming that its objective was purely a military target.

However, the stressed that Israel must seek to

Hariri says peace possible in 3 months

Report: Arad holds secret talks in London

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's political adviser Uzi Arad held "secret talks" in London Munday night that apparently focused on resuming peace talks with Syria, Israel Radin reported

A spokesman for Netanyahu declined to comment on the

Golan Heights leaders expressed fear that Netanyahu had passed a message to Syrian President Hafez Assad indicating a willingness to make concessions on the Golan. They noted that if this is the case. it would contradict express promises Netanyahu had made to them two months ago.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said that Israel can reach peace with Syria and Lebanon in three months if it is ready to give up territory.

"I am calling for the Israeli government tu reconsider its policies and to come back to the table and to discuss real peace and to put in their mind that they have to withdraw from the whole Arab territory." Hariri said in an interview with Reuters television.

"Peace is very close," Hariri said. "We can finish an agreement in three months between Lebanon, Syria, and Israel if there is a real and fundamental decision from Israel to live it peace in the region. "With all my heart I hope that

they reconsider their policy and get back to the table and continue the negotiations and finalize [a peace agreement) as soon as possible," he said.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is scheduled to visit Damascus. It was unclear if Lebanon would be added to the itinerary, but Hariri, leaving today for an official visit to France, said he would return if she included a stop in Lebanon.

Hariri would not say what Lebanon would do if Israel unilaterally pulled out its forces, saying the focus had to remain on the need for a broad Middle East

peace settlement. "Israeli security cannot be assured without peace in the region - everybody is saying the same, all the leaders in the world, all the leaders who are very cluse friends of Israel," he said.
"Security is the result of political agreements; you cannot achieve security by force."

Beishero Tsur adds: President Ezer Weizman reiterated yesterday that the unly country that can resture order in Lebanon is Syria "and those who say that we should withdraw [unilaterally] in order to reach an agreement do not, in my opinion, understand the matter."

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US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright waves yesterday at Andrews Air Furce Base in Maryland as she boards the plane bringing ber to the Middle East.

Cabinet okays budget cuts

By DAVID HARRIS

The cabinet yesterday approved the Treasury-proposed NIS 2.3 billion cut to the 1998 state budget, by a vote of I1-6 with one absten-

During the 18-hour debate, there were times when a majority threatened to vote against the Treasury. which had received the full backing of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy

abstained. Those who voted against the cuts - Eli Suissa (Interior), Eli Yishai (Labor and Social Affairs), Tzahi Hanegbi (Justice), Zevulun Hammer (Education), Yehoshua Matza (Health), and David Levy (Foreign Affairs) - spent much of the day attacking the cuts both in the Knesset and in media interviews.

Yishai, Hammer, David Levy, and Matza were particularly outspoken, accusing Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman of betraying the disadvantaged.

"This is a budget which Is cut off from the social reality," said Levy. "It ignores what we call the social disaster and that's unemploy-

Hammer said he has no doubt the budget the Knesset eventually passes will be substantially different from the one the cabinet approved, saying that to assure a majority, it will have to forget about cutting the education, wel-

fare, and health budgets. Netanyahu rejected the claims

that the cuts will affect the poor. Those who claim this are not objective and not accurate," he said after the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee meeting. "The fact is that unless we cut the budget and pull this nation out of its enormous overdraft, there will be

poor will be far more difficult." He said the brunt of the impact will be felt by the wealthiest 30 percent of the population. While the Treasury proposals were mostly approved, there were

many more poor and the lot of the

certain changes:

The education budget will be cut by NIS 250 million as proposed, but Hammer will decide where the cuts should he made, rather that accepting Treasury rec-

ommendations. All proposals for reforming health services were approved with one exception - there will be ongoing dialogue between the Treasury and Health Ministry over the size of government funding for the basket of health services.

· Details are scheduled to be released today on smaller compromises in other ministries, including Immigration and Absorption, Industry and Trade, and Agriculture.

• Defense spending will be cut by NIS 400m, rather than the initially suggested NIS 550m. But Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, whu voted for the budget, insisted there would be no real cut in defense spending. Instead, the ministry would sell off assets, and the proto strengthen and refit the IDF, some of whose systems have not been replaced since the Yom Kippur War.

The cabinet also approved plans to reduce the child allowances to families with less that four children, whose head has a gross income of more than NIS 7,000 a month, and to demand national insurance payments from people working beyond the legal retire-

Immediately after the cabinet vote. Neeman told reporters he would not be drawn out on the fight that lies ahead in the Knesset. But it is already clear that the budget will be roundly challenged, with MKs from Gesher, the Likud, Shas, and the National Religious Party all expressing concern about a vanety of the proposals.

For the opposition, former finance minister Avraham Shohat described the package of cuts as "the worst possible, a budget of econumic slowdown, and socially harmful, with no chance of passing in its present format."

The Histadrut attacked the cabinet's approval of the cuts, with Chairman Amir Peretz calling the 3 a.m. vote and its build-up "the great night of robbing the work-The labor federation intends to

step up industrial action against the measures today as local authority employees huld sanctions. Sarah Honig contributed to this

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PM: No US pressure on us

process and asked Albright to

help.
"The carrent Israeli policy does-

n't lead us to a meaningful and fair

settlement and it is clear for every-

body that the continuation of these

policies will lead to regression and

this will unly lead to a dangerous

"Israel is called upon to recon-

sider its policies. Mr. Netanyahu

must be tald in no uncertain terms.

and especially by the US, that no

one will allow bim to bluw the

Arafat meets Beilin, Page 2

"She's coming when there was

violence [referring to bombings],

but this is also a time when settle-

ments and the provocation of

Palestinians has become very fre-

quent. Her main task is to deal

with the situation and not from

one aspect - security. She has to

address the cure if she wants to

help salvage the peace process,"

Hillel Kuttler reports from

The Washington Post yesterday

came out in support of a

Palestinian state, saying such a

goal would help revitalize Israeli-

In its lead editorial, the paper

criticized American policy for

being centered on bringing Israel

peace and security without trying

to assure that the Palestinians'

achieve their main wish - state-

asked to make concessions and

promised what they most want,

even while the Palestinians are

asked to make concessions with

no comparable assurance they will

get what they most want," the edi-

torial stated. The remedy is obvi-

ous: The US should endorse the

goal of Palestinian statehood....

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could give the negotiation the

impetus it now lacks."

In other words, the Israelis are

result," Moussa said.

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Reuters adds:

"Nu pressure is being exerted on Israel" in connection with the visit uf US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu

tuld reporters yesterday. Albright is due to land this morning and spend the next three

We are nut uperating in a framework of pressure," Netanyahu said. "Su far as Israel is concerned what is at stake are the most basic existential issues and the US fully cumprehends that

this is the case." He also dismissed suggestions that Albright may gu twer his head and address the Israeli people

"The situation is quite the reverse. She is a very welcome guest and is invited to say what she has to say. We are allies, and it is most natural, lugical, and desirable that she speak to the Israeli people," he said.

Some around Netanyahu seek to exude a spirit of optimism, saying that more than at any time in the past the US understands the Israeli position, and that if there is to be any arm-twisting, it will be tif Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's arm.

But the pessimists fear that to appear even-handed and because she knows the emphasis that Israel will place on Arafat's viplations of every one of his undertakings over the past four years, Albright may seek to make demands on Israel as well. Thus, she is expected to request that Israel give the PA

funds it is withholding.

Netanyahu yesterday held final consultations with his top advisers, with Foreign Minister David Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and with Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar.

Albright is slated to meet with President Ezer Weizman, twice with Netanyahu, with Levy and Mordechai, with Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak, and with Arafat. She was due to have a single conversation with him, but following PA protests, she may see him an additional time.

Her plane is due to land at 6 this morning and she will be welcomed by Levy, who will get a chance to talk to her during the ride to Jerusalem. She will have breakfast with Weizman, then they will leave together to visit the wounded from the latest Jerusalem bombing at Hadassah-University Hospital, Mount Scopus.

Albright's first working session with Netanyahu will take place in the afternoon. They will be joined by Levy and Mordechai and a news conference will fullow. Albright will visit Yad Vashem in the evening and then meet with

Tomorrow, she will meet with families of MIAs, breakfast with Leah Rabin, then lay a wreath at Yitzhak Rabin's grave. A meeting with Arafat will follow, then one with Netanyahu. In the evening, she will address Jerusalem high school students.

On Friday, Albright will return the PA, then leave for Damascus at lunchtime.

Gov't to give Meretz and right-wing groups both plan to welcome Albright Albright list with placards along her route to Jerusalem this morning. of security Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa yesterday called un Israel demands to reconsider its stand on the peace

By MARGOT DUDKESTON

A list of Palestinian security commitments, cumpiled by the Guvernment Press Office and published yesterday, will be iven to US Secretary of State Madeline Albright during her

The list includes these points: · The Palestinians have agreed to full and unconditional security cooperation; detention, arrest, and imprisonment of all terrorists previously released by Palestinian Authority, according tn lists submitted by Israel: dismissal of PA personnel involved in terror or violent acts against Israel (the Oslo 2 Agreement demands that those found guilty

will immediately have their job terminated and their weapons and police identification documents confiscated). . The PA must implement the security commitments specified in the Hebron Agreement, such as preventing Palestinian rioters entering areas under Israeli con-

divides the H1 and H2 areas, the report said. · Illegal firearms must be collected and confiscated, according

trol, or attacking IDF forces sta-

tioned in the buffer zone that

to Oslo 2. All forms of incitement against Israel by PA officials must be stopped, and those who deliver inciting sermons in mosques must be dismissed and prosecut-

 The PA must comply with the 33 extradition requests submitted to it, including the four suspects involved in terrorist attacks in which American citizens were killed.

· The Palestinian Police force, currently at 35,500, must be reduced to the number agreed upon, 24,000.

- The PA must submit a complete list of all recruits for review

and approval. So far the PA has only submit-

ted 18,500 names.

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PM: Not our business who heads PA

By SARAH HONIG

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was unimpressed yesterday by reports that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat considered resigning because of the impasse in the peace process.

The reports claimed that it was only after the entreaties of Egyptian President Hosni Muharak and Jordan's King Hussein that Arafat relented reluctantly to remain in office.

"The fact is that this is none of our husiness," Netanyahu said after appearing before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

He argued that "Israel has no interest in influencing or determining who will head the PA. We have no desire to see a change there. It is no concern of ours and it is the decision of the Palestinians alone, just as it is no business of the Palestinians to influence who forms the government in Israel.

"Our task is not to deal with who leads the PA, hut to demand that the PA lives up to its end of the bargain and it makes a credible effort to eradicate the terror hothouses flourishing under its juris-

Netanyahu also did not hny the story that the PA has begun mass arrests of Islamic activists. "They picked up small fry in what is essentially a cosmetic touch up to pretty appearances prior to the arrival of the US secretary of state

"This hardly begins to deal with the terror infrastructure in the PA territories, which Arafat had not touched in the four years of the PA's existence. These so-called arrests - in the PA's best revolving door tradition - are just plain irrelevant." Investigation of the Rehov Ben-Yehuda bomhing, according to Netanyahu, "points unequivocally to the fact that

Hamas organized this outrage. This action would have been impossible were it not for the local infrastructure the terrorists could count on in PA territory... The basic problem is that Arafat made possible the creation of terrorist safe havens within a five-minute distance from most Israeli cities."

He noted that prior to the formation of the Likud government "there were 28 suicide bombings carried out without any connection to the state of the negotiations. This calumny that the diplomatic deadlock breeds terror must he exposed. The previous government gave the Palestinians all they wished, but the suicide bombers struck nevertheless. The reason is that the terrorists really want to destroy Israel. This situation demands steadfastness. If terror will be combatted in earnest, there will be progress at the negotiating table as well."

Netanyahu also took on those who advocate immediate, uncon-ditional withdrawal from Lebanon. "All these people are doing is encouraging Hizhullah and emboldening it to redouble its efforts to strike at us.

"I doubt there is anyone who wants to leave Lebanon more than I do. But this must be done under the proper conditions and with the best security provisions and safeguards. We will have achieved nothing if we pull back and then have to go back in again at a far greater cost in the lives of IDF sol-

There are no easy solutions. We must take a deep hreath and Batsheva Tsur adds:

Asked about reports that Arafat considered resigning, President Ezer Weizman said yesterday: "If this is true, I can understand Mubarak and Hussein. With all the anger against Arafat, he can bring better results than anyone

Arafat looks for Left's backing

PA chairman, Leah Rabin to sign Oslo reaffirmation

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAME

Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat tried to persuade left-wing Israeli politicians yesterday to speak out against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's policies toward the Palestinians during US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit.

"The political opposition in the Knesset has not made its voice clearly heard: that the Netanyahu government wants to destroy the peace and will be held responsible for it," a senior PA negotiator said. "We want the Labor Party and President Ezer Weizman to say their views on this in a clear

At a meeting last night, Arafat and Labor Party MK Yossi Beilin agreed to mark the fourth anniversary of the Oslo Accords by having Arafat and Leah Rabin, widow of the late prime minister, sign a document reaffirming the commit-ment, Israel Radio said. Arafat meets tomorrow and

Friday with Albright in Ramallah. Higher Education Minister Hanan Ashrawi said the meetings wouldn't dwell only on security

"We expect to deal with the political and economic and not just the security aspects," Ashrawi told the Jerusalem Post. Ashrawi said that the PA would

not reject Israel's call to start negotiations on the permanent status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, "but we also expect to see any discussion on permanent status talks maintain the agenda of what has already been agreed

"What's the point of signing anything if the agreements are not honored? Frankly, nobody has any faith in this Israeli government," Ashrawi said.

ed information with the PA. She denied reports that Arafat Abdul Rahim also said the PA offered to submit his resignation would hand Albright a list of 20 this week and that Egyptian Jewish organizations which allegedly waged terrorism against President Hosni Mubarak talked Arabs in the last year. The list was him out of it. "This is not true," she

signed four years ago.

said. "We are all rallying around

PA secretary-general Tayeh Abdul Rahim said in Ramallah

yesterday that Israel has verified

reports that the suicide bombers on

Rehov Ben-Yehuda came from

abroad. He accused Israel of refus-

Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat meets yesterday with Labor Party MK Yossi Beilin, an architect of the Oslo Accords drawn up in response to a list Netanyahu planned to submit regarding Palestinian commit-

> Palestinian Communications and Post Minister Imad Falouji warned that violence against Israel would continue unless it implemented the peace agreement.

ing to acknowledge or share relatpeace process nor the peace agreements," Falouji told Al Quds. "He wants to enter into permanent agreements without going through the interim agreements. What can be expected then from the Palestinian street?" The PA arrested 12 more pro-

Hamas activists yesterday, bringments to fighting terrorism. ing to 49 the number of arrests made since the Ben-Yehuda bombings, Palestinian sources said. Hamas leader Abdul Aziz Rantisi

protested the arrests as "a strong slap in the face of the national dia-"Netanyahu hasn't honored the logue and Palestinian unity that we hoped would be achieved during our recent conference."

Palestinian sources said Arafat was being careful not to go over-

board in trying to show Washington he was fighting terrorism, for fear of provoking Hamas

Abdul Rahim Mallouh, a leading activist in the dissident Popular Front for the Liberation of. Palestine, called on the PA to reject requests for mass arrests.

Our people have the right to struggle against the Israeli occupation," he said. "The American side is biased for Israel and we can't take US promises seriously any-

Barak calls on Netanyahu to resign.

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proved he is incapable of fulfilling his election pledge of peace with security and as a result must resign, Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak demanded yesterday.

"Go home Netanyahu, resign," he called in opening a special Knesset debate on the security situation following last week's triple suicidebombing in Jerusalem and a series of incidents in Lebanon. Barak accused the government of

destroying any hope for peace. "What do we see today?" he Barak. "An absence of peace. There is terror and there's no hope." With regard to Lebanon, Barak said there must not be a unilateral

withdrawal of Israeli troops without an agreement with the Lebanese government, Responding, Meir Sheetrit (Likud) said the only alternative suggested by Labor is a thance of government and nothing more cu.:crete. He called on Israel to remain

give up," he said. Sheetrit, who heads the coalition in the Knesset, then turn. 1 the attention to Egyptian President : 'Call Mubarak and Palestinian Authority

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bold and resolute in sticking to its

security tasks. "Our role is not to

guage of peace." Representing the government, Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said Israel will fight terrorism wherever possible and using

all available tools. Mordechai suggested the timing of two recent terror attacks in Jerusalem was not coincidental. Both were preceded by the announcements of visits by US envoys, first special Mideast negotiator Dennis Ross and now Secretary of Sate Madeleine

Albright.
"What unites this House today is the fight against terror," said Mordechai. "Whoever wants to progress with us must prove he is prepared to fight terror."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid responded by saying the recent tragedies are not the result of an unlucky birthright, but bad policies. "[David] Ben-Gurion, [Levi] Estakol, Golda [Meir], [Menachem] Regin, [Yitzhak] Shamir, [Shimon] Pens and the mandered Yitzhak Rabin - a list of fitting names, and what do we have now: the name Netanyahu," aid Sarid, also demanding Netanyahu's resigna-

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By DAVID HARRIS

Chairman Yasser Arafat.

When Mubarak speaks with his before the Knesset debate, a string people and Arafat with his, the lan-Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has guage is different - it's not the lan- lishment of a national unity government. This will be the only salvation for the Oslo agreement, said Micha Goldman. Elie Goldschmidt said that, until now, he had been opposed to the idea, but in light of recent events this could be the time for a

national unity government. Acts of terrorism do not depend on the lifting or imposing of closures, but upon the terrorists themselves, said Ychuda Harel (The Third Way). He urged the government to cling tightly to the Oslo agreement and

the additional agreement on Hebron. The visit to the region of US Secretary of State Albright, to begin today, will schieve nothing, particularly in light of recent events. claimed Azmi Bashara (Hadash). He suggested that Albright comes to Israel with no new ideas.

Nissim Dahan (Shas), meanwhile. called for a spirit of national unity among the people. While not objecting to public debate, Dahan said that now is the time for greater understanding within Israel.

Before the session MKs stood for a minute's silence in memory of all those killed in recent days and Speaker Dan Tichon, on behalf of the House, expressed condolences to the bereaved.

PA raps bomb details ban

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

A Palestinian official yesterday lashed out against an Israeli order calling for a complete ban on the publication of details of last week's suicide bomb attack in the Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall last week.

Taib Abdel Rahim, an adviser to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, accused Israel of purposely concealing details to weaken and embarrass the PA.

Correction

Page 1 headline in vesterday's paper should have referred to the Stern Group (Lehi) and not to Etzel (IZL).

daughter," he wrote, This raises the second issue that

bothers some Jews, namely, just how In the original Washington Post

What followed were reams of

newspaper copy, both in the secular

and Jewish media, asking the old

Watergate question: What did she

know, and when did she know it? If

she did know of her Jewish origins.

why was it a secret until now? And if

she wasn't clear on the story, how

could this intelligent, -politically

savvy-student of history not bother

article, she was quoted as saying that she found the new information "fairly compelling," but wanted to conduct her own research into her family and its fate. "Obviously it is a very personal matter for my family and brother and sister and my children,"

tion camps."

to find out?

Albright then told Newsweek that she had been misquoted: "I was not Jewish background hroke on surprised about my Jewish origin. February 4 in The Washington Post, What I was surprised about was that it made many Jews uncomfortable. my grandparents died in concentra-

and some angry.
First was the issue of her parents' to maintain their identity, often pay-

many other Jews during the Holocaust, in an attempt to protect their children from horror and tragedy.

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thought her parents made the right choice, to create a new identity for their children, she was quoted as saying: "I think my father and mother were the bravest people alive. They dealt with the most difficult decision anyone could make. I am incredibly grateful to them, and beyond measure."

Others took exception to her parents' decision. Jeff Jacoby, a columnist for the Boston Globe whose father's relatives died in Auschwitz, wrote that Albright's parents had failed.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA. King David Street. Tamara Baruea. Imeration Development Program. IDC, will address the club.

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IN CONTEXT / Elli Wohlgelernter

Returning to the land of her forefathers

Madeleine Allafight arrives here betrayed their parents' memory, and day not only as the US secretary of spent a lifetime deceiving their today not only as the US secretary of state, on a political mission to put Middle East peace efforts back on track, but also in the context of her recently revealed Jewishness.

The story is no longer headline news, yet perhaps its final chapter is being written today: How will she feel as a new-found Jew, in the land of her biblical ancestors? And how will Albright, a one-time

Catholic and now Episcopalian, feel when she visits Yad Vashem, where the death of her own grandparents and six million others are remembered? When the story of Albright's

conversion to Catholicism to hide their Jewishness. For thousands of years Jews had braved persecution

ing with their lives. But Albright's parents, Josef and Mendula Korbel, took a path taken by

draw from the Shoa," says Efraim Zuroff, head of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Israel office, "is just to cop out, forget it - 'Why suf-fer, why potentially suffer, why be a potential target of prosecution?' Listen, they obviously had very little positive Jewish conscience.

When Albright was asked if she

"No. They avoided the difficult decision. They ran from it. They

rejected their Jewishness and

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Further evidence surfaced ques- no clue she was Jewish." tioning Albright's version of the

story, first regarding Albright's first lived with Albright's family in main source for information on her Jewish past. Simova had apparently tried to make contact with Albright in recent years, but to no avail.

Then there was Petr Silar, the mayor of Letohrad, her father's hometown in the eastern Czech republic. Silar had written to Albright in February 1994, shortly after she became United Nations ambassador, telling her of her family's past and inviting her to visit.
Two more letters followed, but Silar never heard from her until a few months ago, following a visit by

Albright's hrother and sister. If Albright didn't know before, she certainly knows now. But what can she do with the knowledge? Can she or should she embrace a Jewish

identity that was never hers? "In a certain sense, her accepting a Jewish identity is almost a rejection of her parents, because her parents knowingly opted out," says Zuroff. "She didn't reject Judaism, she had

But in the seven months since she "became" Jewish - in awareness, if cousin, Dagmar Simova, who had not in practice - Albright has gone out in searching of that Jewish past. London during the war, and was a 'In July, on a working visit to Pra Albright went back to the Pinkas Synagogue she had visited a year before, only this time she came to search for her grandparents' names on a list of 77,297 Czech and Slovak Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

"I did not know my own family story then," she said, in an emotional statement to reporters. Tonight, I knew to look for those names. And their image will forever be seared into my heart.

To the many values and many facets that make up who I am, I now add the knowledge that my grandparcuts and members of my family perished in the worst catastrophe in human history. So I leave here tonight with the certainty that this new part of my identity adds something stronger, sadder and richer to my life."

Last week, on a personal trip Albright went to visit Letohrad and Kostelic, her mother's hometown, in search of her past.

Today she visits Yad Vashem.

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Experts warn against two-tier health system

By JUDY STEGEL

Achorus of opposition to the government's decisions on the health budget was heard yesterday, with warnings that allowing the health funds to charge regressively for certain services—over and above existing health taxes based on income—would create separate health systems for the poor and the rich.

Kupat Holim Clalit directorgeneral Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg said he is sorry "the government has decided to increase health taxes by allowing the insurers to charge members directly. Each health fund will decide what services it will give members, instead of a universal health hasket set by the National Health Insurance Law."

Peterburg argued that the new plan – which won't go into effect without passage by the Knesset – would create "negadve incentive" for the health funds to admit low-income members, because they won't be able to pay the extra fees.

The health funds would also have to revert to an independent collection system, which was abolished by the law, thereby creating needless new layers of bureaucracy that will only increase the health funds' deficits, he maintained.

Clalit also opposes the Treasury's intention of allowing the establishment of for-profit health funds. "This is a scandal," he said, "at a time when there is a NIS 1.3 hillion deficit. The for-profit insurers will make money on the backs of the patients."

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, who voted against the budget in the cabinet, will brief reporters in his office this afternoon.

The Israel Society for Patient's Rights said the government's proposals would cause great injustice to the poor. It was the debate on the changes be moved from the Knesset Finance Committee to the Labor and Social Welfare Committee, which has a more positive attitude toward the disadvantaged.

Prof. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, director-general of Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, denounced the proposed changes, saying that they would "again make Clalit the health fund of the poor and Maccabi the health fund of the rich. Memhers will have the choice of how much health they can afford: care only in times of catastrophe, or preventive treatment and early diagnosis if they have the money to pay for it."

He added that usually, the ministry, the health funds, and other public bodies argue and differ on proposals, hut "the unanimous opposition to the government's plans shows that something must be wrong with them."

"Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri is demanding that the ministry instruct all government hospitals to appoint additional kashrut inspectors — at a time when they are crying for money for medications, beds and equipment," he said.



Rabbinical justice

President Ezer Weizman yesterday hands Rabbi Shlomo Shapira his certificate of appointment as a rabbinical court judge, as court administrator Eli Ben-Dahan looks on. 'Hatred will get us nowhere and we can easily destroy everything we have labored to huild np,' Weizman said in reference to the placing of a pig's head in a Moslem cemetery in Nesher. Seven new rabbinical court judges were sworn in at the Beit Hanassi ceremony.

NEWSLINE

with ELIEZER JAFFE

Eliezer Jaffe is a Hebrew University social work professor, and a founder of Zahavi, the Association of Large Families

The new budget reduces the child allowance for families with less than four children, whose head earns more than NIS 7,400 gross a month. How significant is this?

What we are witnessing is a process that eventually will lead to the child allowance being distributed not as part of the National Insurance Institute, but as welfare.

What's the difference?

There's a big difference. The NII has "respectability." Welfare payments have a stigma, and are very much in the hands of social workers making decisions about eligibility and need.

How did the child allowance originate?

The allowance was established after the Wadi Salib riots in Haifa in the lafe 1950s. A Wadi Salib resident was shot by the police, and the people attributed it to oppression hy the establishmeot against large families, poor people, and Sephardim.

A committee was set up to see who these people were, and what was going on. Most were from large, poor families, and it was decided that something was needed to alleviate their problems. The child allowance was then established.

tien established.

One of the important decisions

was to give the money through the NII, something anchored in law, and not as welfare payments. The difference is that this way the payments cannot be changed every Monday and Thursday. This was a tremendous innovation, and pulled people out of poverty overnight,

What has happened over the years?

Two things. The amount did oot keep up with the cost of living, and the Treasury began viewing the allowance as a welfare grant. There are two camps, one that maintains that all families should get it as a honus, and another that believes it should only go to the needy. The argument has been going on for 40 years, and now we see that the second camp has won.

Now the allowance has been cut back, and the next step will be to do away with it eotirely for families with less than four kids. We are in a post-socialist economy, and these things hap-

Isn't there logic in the argument that higher income people do not need these allowances?

Sure, hut there is also the view that if Israel wants more children, it has to show it. There is a myth that Israel wants children, wants a higher birth rate. But what steps have been taken? At least the child allowance was some kind of concrete gesture.

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Northern mayors threaten to resign

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Confrontation line mayors and council heads threatened to hand in their resignations on Sunday if the government continues to ignore their demands.

The leaders held an emergency meeting yesterday to discuss proposed budget cuts that will effect education, welfare, and municipal housing in their communities. They also complained that the government had reneged on commitments to give additional assistance to border areas. According to Ma'alot-Tarshiha Mayor Shlomo Buhbut, head of the Forum of Heads of Confrontation Line Settlements, the government has

refused to transfer funds agreed upon by the Peres government in 1996.
"The former government agreed to transfer an additional NIS300 million a year to the communities for the years 1996, 1997, and 1998," Buhbut said. "We have only received part of those funds and in addition the government wants to introduce more hudget cuts.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak, said

yesterday that all the funds had been transferred to the communities.

"It is a shame that Bazak does not bother to check the facts," retorted Buhbut, adding that requests to meet with Netanyahu had been ignored. "If Netanyahu continues to ignore us, then we will have no alternative other than to resign and on October 1 all payments to suppliers and services will be stopped," Buhbut warned.

Ministry closure plans put on hold

By JUDY SIEGEL

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Science Ministry staffers yesterday welcomed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's decision to postpone by 45 days a scheduled discussion of Science Minister Michael Ertan's plans to close the ministry.

The premier agreed with the proposal by Deputy Defense Minister MK Silvan Shalom, who is due to take over the ministry in 10 months, to set up a professional committee to examine Eitan's proposal.

However, io a meeting with ministry employees yesterday.

Eitan said that the "ministry will close despite the prime minister's request to delay the process." The staffers, in a tense meeting, accused Eitan of "cynical use of your power to advance your political status."

Eitan, in turn, said the workers "have reason to worry" and "I don't see a solution to your problem."

Eitan demands that a statutory National Council for Research and Development be established, ministry staffers be fired, and that he remain science minister, working out of the Prime Minister's Office.



NEWS

in brief

Junior faculty strike ends at Hebrew University

A strike by junior faculty at Hebrew University ended yesterday after an agreement was signed with masters and doctoral students. A university statement said that the striking faculty had agreed to quickly grade examinations taken over the summer and to publish the marks within two weeks. But the statement did not specify what salary demands were met. The strike was launched last spring over work conditions and salary. Jerusalem Post Staff

Soldiers charged in prison riot petition court

A lawyer said yesterday that 18 soldiers involved in the Military Prison No. 6 riot plan to petition the High Court against the IDF's decision to indict them on charges of mutiny and blackmail. Attorney Amir Goren, who represents one of the soldiers, Gideon Martin, said the indictments handed down yesterday in Jaffa Military Court abrogated an agreement reached last month with the IDF that brought a peaceful end to the weekend-

Two Meshulam followers get 16 years

A Beersheba court yesterday sentenced Yoav Sha'abi and Avner Said, two followers of Uzi Meshularu, to 16 years in prison for the attempted murder of Ramle Prison guard Benny Aviram. They were convicted of ambushing Aviram ontside his Kiryat Malachi home in December 1994, and opening fire when he came out to go to work. Amiram was wounded, but returned fire, wounding the two. In passing sentence, the court said it considered the defendants' previously clean records and the fact that they were wounded.

Australian endows TAU overseas school

The Overseas Students School of Tel Aviv University has gained the sponsorship of Frank Lowy, a Jewish communal leader in Sydney, Australia, and will now be called the Lowy School for Overseas Students. The endowment will enable the school to accommodate Australian students and arrange accreditation for them from Australian institutions of higher education.

Teen's swollen scrotum reduced to normal

Doctors at Haifa's Bnai Zion Hospital have reduced to its natural size the scrotum of a 14-year-old boy that had ballooned to the size of a grapefruit. The surgery, reportedly the first of its kind ever performed here, was required because of a problem in his lymphatic system. At the end of the two-hour operation, the doctors said recovery would take some time, but that they would examine him at periodic intervals to make sure the lymphatic flow remains normal.

Man held for slashing wife's throat

A Kiryat Ata man was arrested yesterday on suspicion of murdering his estranged wife by alashing

her throat. Reuven Yizraelashvilli, 34, was arrested in the Ashdod apartment of his wife, Irma, 29, as he stood over her lifeless body holding a razor-sharp utility knife dripping with her blood. The crime was witnessed at the last second by the arresting officer.

Police say Yizraelashvilli arrived at about g a.m. at the flat, where his wife lived with their 10year-old daughter. He was apparently carrying a letter he had written her asking for a second

On his way in to their apartment building he encountered the daughter, whom he escorted to school before returning to see his wife. He reportedly told the daughter that he was trying to get her mother to come back and live with him in Ashdod - but he also promised that, if they did divorce,

he would always visit her. Neighbors said Yizraelashvilli stood outside his wife's door, pounding and kicking it, and yelling that if she did not open it he would break it down. The neighbors mistook him for a robber, however, and called the

Despite the sound of police car sirens approaching, Yizraelashvilli did not flee, but waited for several minutes in the stairwell before opening the electricity box and shutting off the electricity to his

wife's apartment When she opened the door apparently assuming he had fled so as not to be caught violating a court order barring him from seeing her - he forced his way in and attacked her.

Locking the door behind him, he began to beat her and push her into a rear room.

Police arrived and, unable to

enter the locked flat, went outside, where officer Kobi Mor volunteered to climb ooto the balcony of the first-floor apartment. He smashed the locked balcony window and, with his pistol drawn, ran inside to the bedroom, where

he heard screams. Mor described for reporters the scene he found as he burst through the door:

bis wife and slit her throat just like

my pistol at him and asked him to drop the knife."

I saw the husband bend over

"I was dumbfounded. I aimed

At that moment, Mor continued,

other officers entered the room and they arrested the suspect.

Yizraelashvilli was remanded by Southern District Magistrate's Court Judge Shawel Hemdani for

15 days. Neighbors said Yizraelashvilli had refused for several years to divorce his wife, and had become incensed when he learned she was

seeing another man. At the courthouse Yizraelashvilli shouted out to reporters: "I know that what I did was very serious. I saw a knife. I picked it up and I don't remember anything. I'm guilty, but only God will judge me." (Itim)

Husband held for beating pregnant wife

The director of a high-tech communications company was indicted yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for beating his pregnant wife until she lost consciousness.

The man is also suspected of brutalizing their children, aged three and eight; but has not yet been charged.

Judge Hanan Efrati ordered the man released under five days' house arrest, since the wife and children are already staying at a battered women's shelter.

The court was told that the husband first attacked his wife in August, after she confronted him with the knowledge of his adul-

tery.

The wife had complained a number times to police of beatings, which included her husband allegedly smashing her bead. against the wall and the floor.

The husband, who denies the charges, slashed several policemen with a pair of scissors when they came to arrest him. The found him hiding in the bathroom, convinced he had killed his wife.

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Vilna Gaon events ignore protests

By ISABELLA GINOR

Ombudsman and State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat sits between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Dr. Marten

Oosting of Holland, at the opening session yesterday of the Conference of European National Ombudsmen at the Jerusalem

International Convention Center. Ombudsmen and their assistants from 20 countries are here for the three-day conference.

NIDA, Lithuania - About 30 Israeli scholars and rabbis attended the opening yesterday of a con-ference marking 200 years since the death of the Vilna Gaon. ignoring calls by the Simon Wiesenthal Center and Holocaust survivors to boycott the state-

The boycott was urged in protest against Lithuania's failure to try suspected Nazi war criminals, such as Aleksandras Lileikis, and his deputy Kazys Gimzauskas, former beads of the Lithuanian Security Police, who are blamed

for the slayings of many Jews. Unlike elsewbere in Europe, most Lithuanians who perished in the Holocaust were killed by local police and thugs before they could even be deported to death camps, Efraim Zuroff, the Wiesenthal Center's Israel Director, said. About 94% of 220,000 Jews who lived in Lithuania were killed dur-

ing World War II. Zuroff said that the commemoration was a "transparent attempt by the Lithuanian government to mitigate criticism of its refusal to try war criminals."

The Association of Lithuanian Jews in Israel added that "if the

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Gaon had been alive at the time, the Lithuanians would have murdered him just as they brurally killed so many local rabbis."

The Vilna Gaon, or Rabbi

of non-hasidic Jewry in the 18th The three-day conference, entitled "The Gaon and the held also under UNESCO auspices, was formally opened at a

special session held by the Lithuanian Parliament, known as the Seimas. Organizers told The Baltic Times that none of the 44 scheduled foreign participants had beeded the

calls for a boycott. Israel's only official representative at the conference is nonresident ambassador Oded Ben-Hur. Other state figures declined or

canceled. A rabbinical delegation, headed by Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar Yishuv Cohen, announced that it would only attend a memorial ceremony being held at the Gaon's tomb after the Parliament meet-

Afterwards, Vilna's only surviving synagogue was being present-ed with four Torah scrolls that were once held at the Mazvydas

Meanwhile another related academic gathering convened this week at this Baltic coastal resort, entitled, "History and Genocide in Lithuania."

Eliyabu, was a preeminent scholar Rector Stays Vaitekunas of Klaipeda University, which organized the conference, said its importance was part of "an what led to murder of the Jewish people here.

Vaitekunas said that the fact that an apparent absence of state media coverage of the event was "an indication of the political climate well reflected by the media which underlines the need to address these painful points in our

Beside this reporter, the conference opening was covered only by German media and a few local newsmen. Prof. Dina Porat, head of anti-

semitism studies at Tel Aviv University, said that many young Lithuanian historians were paying with their careers to research the massacre of Lithuanian Jews. She said this was "why their Israeli colleagues must support

their effort to bring this into the

wider consciousness of the

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Qatar prepares invitations to summit

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Invitations to the highly contentious Middle East and North Africa (MENA) summit which Qatar plans to host in November will be sent out at the end of the month, despite mounting Arab pressure to push Israel out of the eveot, a senior Qatari official was quoted as saying.

Qatari newspapers quoted yesterday Mohammed Ibrahim Emadi assistant coordinator general of the

Jennings,

Rather

to anchor

Mother

Teresa

funeral

By JOHN CARMODY

Peter Jennings and CBS News's Dan Rather will both be in Calcutta

on Saturday to anchor live broad-

casts of Mother Teresa's state

Both will also anchor the Friday

editions of their respective World

News Tonight and CBS Evening

A spokeswoman for NBC News

said late Monday that the network

"hadn't formulated" plans for

CBS News noted it already had

dispatched Moscow-based corre-

spondent Richard Threlkeld to

Jennings, whose overseas assign-

ments as a correspondent for ABC

News included a first visit to India

in 1965 and regular coverage from

1969 to 1975, said Monday that

"Calcutta is the most interesting

city in India. But the poverty was

ubiquitous - it was such a natural place for Mother Teresa to put

down roots, the poor were so des-

Jennings arrived in New York

Monday after covering the funeral

in Britain over the weekend and

had yet to read any of the criticisms

ing too much was a print media

favorite). "So far," said Jennings, "I get the feeling we did quite well"

Saturday morning, but he conceded

that one ABC glitch "was clearly in

bad taste - we won't do it again."

As Sarah McCorquodale,

Princess Diana's sister, recited a

poem during the funeral service, the network aired a "billboard"

pointing out she had once been

Prince Charles's girlfriend and had

News programs from Calcutta.

funeral coverage yet.

India to cover the story.

WASHINGTON - ABC News's

summit, as saying the invitations would be sent to businessmen, companies, and government officials from more than 35 countries.

The Middle East economic conferences bave been convening annually since their launch three years ago in Morocco. However, since then what first was hailed as an epitome of the Middle East peace process, has come to be seen by some as economic non-starter. Meanwhile, various Arab circles see in the forum a prize which the Arab world should not give Israel.

Saudi Arabia, the Palestinian Authority, and the United Arab Emirates have already announced they will boycott the summit if

Israel is represented. Still, Emadi had told reporters on Monday that Qatar is proceeding with the plans to host the summit on schedule

Syria and Lebanon, which along with Iraq and Libya stayed away from the three previous MENA summits, have also said they would not attend.

Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco have as saying 100 American business-

expressed hesitation about attend-

Saudi Arabia has urged Qatar to cancel the meeting, and Syria has called on other Arab states to join the boycott.

The annual event, which last year was held in Egypt, has until now been attended by Israel and most Arab states, as well as the region's major trade partners in the industrialized world.

The Qatari papers quoted a statement by the US Embassy in Doha men would attend the summit. Emadi said the organizing committee had so far received applica-

tions from nearly 600 businessmen. Emadi, who is an ambassador at Qatar's Foreign Ministry, was speaking to reporters after receiving 1.4 million Qatari riyals (\$384,000) from the state-owned Qatar General Petroleum Corp. as a contribution toward sponsoring the

He said sponsorship contributions from the public and private sectors exceeded nine million riyals.

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More Nixon tapes to be released

By GEORGE LARDNER Jr.

WASHINGTON - More Nixon White House tapes will be made public next month, but they're not going to include some recently declassified "abuse of power" The head of the National

Archives, John W. Carlin, has nothing but praise for what he describes as the Nixon estate's cooperation on the forthcoming release of 154 hours of cabinet room conversations on October 16. In an internal memo to Archives officials, Carlin, who has been pressiog to create a full-fledged presidential library in California for the late Richard M. Nixon, said the release of the cabinet room conversations is "noteworthy" in large part because after many years of litigation, "the Nixon estate is working with us to facilitate open-ing tapes to the public." What Carlin didn't mention, critics point out, is the status of close to 200 scandal-tinged segments that were originally withheld from the public on national security grounds when Nixon's "abuse of governmental power" tapes were released last year.

According to informed sources, archivists in charge of Nixon's records at the National Archives facility in College Park, Md., had been planning to release these additional "abuse of power" segments, totaliog about one hour, at the same time as the cabinet room conversations. Now, as a result of a legal reading by the Nixon estate, it appears it could take as much as four to five years before the snippets can all be made public.

"The declassification review is done," said University of Wisconsin bistorian Stanley Kutler, one of those who asked that the still-censored portions be made public. Archivists in charge of Nixon's records at College Park processed them uoder an executive order that President Clinton issued in 1995 to pare down the mountains of secrets in government files.

Another source, who asked not to be named, suggested that release is being delayed to keep the new "abuse of power" sections from overshadowing the cabinet room releases.

Asked about the now declassified segments of the "abuse of power" tapes, archives spokeswoman Susan Cooper said she ple were confirmed to have survived. going to be able to open" them. agreement."

She said the Nixon estate Thas not reviewed that material yet." The cabinet room conversations are said to cover a wide variety of domestic and foreign policy topics with participants, including Nixon Cabinet members. White House staffers, members of the National Security Council, congressional leaders, presidential committees and commissions.

In his memo, a copy of which was obtained by The Washington Post, Carlin said the Nixon estate could have insisted on a laborious review of all the cabinet room tapes and lodged "item by item" objections.

Instead, he said, the estate approved the release in its entire-A lawyer for the Nixon estate. Scou L. Nelson, made clear Monday that the estate sees no need to rush on the remaining "abuse of power" segments. The tapes are being released under the terms of an intricate 1996 agreement that settled a lawsuit Kutler brought. While the "abuse of power" tapes were to be released first, a step taken last fall, Nelson said the cabinet room tapes are supposed to be next, followed by releases in chronological order of the remaining 2,338 hours over the next several years.

Under that timetable, Nelson argued, any "abuse of power" snippets not released last fall will have to wait for their chronological turn to come up. He said lawyers at the archives agree with his reading of the settlement pact.

An exception, however, is being made for three tapes on Vietnam POW-MIA matters, which will be with released transcripts September 29.

Carlin said in his memo that the Nixon estate agreed to this release "for humanitarian reasons, following a special request from representatives of POW-MIA families." In fact, those three tapes and transcripts were provided to Nixon's lawyers almost five years ago. They had been sought by a Senate committee investigating POW-MIA issues, but while Nixon responded to questions posed by the committee, lawyers for Nixon denied the committee access to the tapes themselves.

In allowing the POW tapes to be made public now, Nelson said the estate was free to permit "earlier releases" than the agreement provides for. But as for the now declassified "abuse of power" segments, be said, "the estate does not



Yemenite step

German President Roman Herzog (left) and the President of Yemen Ali Abdallah Saleh review the honoguards after Saleh's arrival in Bonn's presidential palace yesterday.

Divers recover more bodies from sunken Haitian ferry

By JAM LONEY

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (Reuters) - Divers were set to return to a sunken Haitian ferry yesterday to resume recovering the bodies of bundreds of passeogers trapped below deck when the boar sank near

As many as 400 people drowned when the packed ferry La Fierte Gonavienne (the Pride of Gonave) went down on Monday in 36.5 meters of water just 50 meters off Montrouis on the Gulf of Gonave, officials and witnesses said.

Divers from the Canadian contingent of UN peacekeepers recovered at least 24 bodies from the ferry late on Monday and were to return to the vessel early yesterday.

"It's hard to get the bodies out because the spaces are really narrow," said Cpl. Chantal Arsenault, of the Canadian Armed Forces, who along with some other 18 divers searched the sunken vessel, prying

She described a gruesome scene where dozens of victims were crammed into narrow passageways and near exits.

"We went down the main stairway and there's people stuck in the railings. Bodies stuck in the doorways." she said. "It's hard to say [how many], but there's sure a lot. Dozens for sure. A hundred or more,

The divers recovered bodies near one entry after prying open a doorway, and took them to shore in small boats. The victims were placed on the stony beach, where officials went through pockets searching for identification before sliding the bodies into plastic bags.

Witnesses and survivors said the vessel about 13 meters long, tipped when many of the passengers went to one side, apparently to disembark. Officials said the vessel routinely offloaded by drawing into shallow

open windows and doors to get water where passengers either Haitian Red Cross Secretary-

people were on board, making it unclear how many may have

The report we have from the Hairian Coast Guard is 300 to 400 dead," US Coast Guard Petty Officer Scott Carr said in Miami,

Reuters 276 tickets were sold not including children. A ticket collector said that 800 people boarded and police said there were 800-900 pas-

The Canadian divers recovered at least 24 bodies from the boat, but had only been able to search one of Some 50 fragments of medieval manuscripts are now at the Israel Museum. Sounds dull? Well, they form one of the most exciting and moving exhibitions I have ever seen.

> Meir Ronnen The Jerusalem Post

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mascots with **Native Indian**

the pleas of some teachers, parents and alumni to keep cherished traditions, the Los Angeles Board of Education voted Monday to eliminate all references to American Indians in the names and images of chool mascots.

The 6-0 vote, followed by an American Indian victory drum ceremony, gives three high schools and one middle school a year to replace their current Indian mascots. It also provides district funds to pay for paint to cover up Indian images and for new school uniforms, when nec-

"Any group that feels hurt, we have to say, 'I will help you,' " said board member George Kiriyama, trying to mollify critics of the ban. "You have to be sensitive not just to the Native American but all people of life." The policy will require replace-

ment mascots for the Braves of Birmingham High School in Van Nuys, the Mohicans of Gardena High and the Warriors of University High in West Los Angeles and Wilmington Middle School.

Several American Indian groups had asked the board last Tuesday to ban Indian mascots after it appeared that alumni groups from Birmingham and University were derailing an order to that effect issued by former superinteodent

Sidney Thompson. Stunned by the quick rebuff, Birmingham High supporters came out in force Monday to argue that the change would destroy school spirit, waste money and open the way to attacks on other mascot names, such as four with the same names as con-

"Approximately 30 mascots fall into the category of politically incorrect, unless the animal rights activists come out, then it will be 100 percent," said Lee Marks, 3 Birmingham alumnus. (LA Times) offered his services as an informal mediator. BART management and the three unions involved quickly accepted the offer. They canceled a session with a state mediator in favor of sending BART board vice president James Fang and union leaders to City Hall

"It's terrible," said Kathy Madden, a building manager in San Francisco who got off the ferry from Oakland Monday morning looking angry and exhausted. "My commute on BART

I've been at it for three hours this morning, and I still have to walk up

dispute over wages and a two-tiered pay system for workers. Last week, BART unions turned down what management called its final offer of a 3 percent annual pay raise for the next three years, saying that was not

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suffered from anorexia. Schools ban themes By DOUG SMITH LOS ANGELES - Brushing aside

SAN FRANCISCO - Commuters were plunged into transportation hell yesterday, the first workday after 2,600 workers with the Bay Area Rapid Transit system went on strike. Normally, 275,000 people ride the BART all-train system every day. But not a single train was running

yesterday morning.

Desperate commuters jammed ferries or crowded into hastily puttogether car-pools, while others dar-ing enough to take the trip alone ended up circling the city in search of what was rarely found - a parking space. Bus riders reported waiting up to an hour, watching bus after packed bus pass them by. Some of the luckiest did their jobs from home while others just gave up and took

the day off. Monumental traffic jams began blocking freeways leading into San Francisco by 5:30 a.m. and lasted up to five hours.

normally takes 50 minutes.

to my building." Unless the strike is settled, Madden said, she will take vacation time and stay home the rest of the week. "This can't go on for long," she said. "It is too crippling."
The trigger for all the misery is a

At a news conference in the morning, Mayor Willie Browo shore. Accounts differed on bow many

reached shore safely.

Ferry manager Gabriel Louisne said its capacity was 400 and it carried only 260, while Sylvain Chanel, a local official from La Gonave, told

sengers. US officials in Port-au-Prince said the ferry had a maximum recommended capacity of 80 people.

three below-deck compartments.

Frisco in chaos as BART strikes

on the system's 93 miles of track Monday afternoon. The meeting

lasted 90 minutes. The mayor told reporters he wants to end the strike quickly, before it damages San Francisco's booming economy. But there was no indication that a breakthrough was immi-

In a statement issued in the afternoon, Bart President Margaret Pryor said the strike was "about very well paid workers, who have a generous offer on the table which would keep them among the best-paid transit workers in the nation and yet they are striking for even more." Daniel

Beagle, a spokesman for Service Employees International Union Local 790, which represents BART mechanics and clerks, defended the wages as fair for workers living in one of the nation's most expensive regions.

What is highly paid here in the

Bay area?" Beagle asked. "If a top mechanic is making \$48,000, you've got to pay that kind of money to get the kind of system you want. That's what it costs."

The unions are asking for annual raises of 6.5 percent, 5.5 percent, and 5 percent over the next three years. They also are fighting to end a twotiered wage system, in which workers hired after January 1, 1995, can reach only about 90 percent of the top pay scale.

There are issues of principle here," said Beagle. "We want equal pay for equal work." (LA Times)



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Janet Reno holds key for Gore's presidential hopes

and THOMAS B. EDSALL

WASHINGTON — Long before Vice President Al Gore gets a chance to face voters in the year 2000, he finds himself in the precarious position of being judged by an electorate of one: Attorney-General Janet Reno.

Reno's staff is in the midst of reviewing whether Gore's 1996 fund-raising acovities - which have been subject to a cloudburst of negative publicity over the past two weeks - raise enough questions to merit further investigation under the independent counsel law.

It will be Reno's decision whether to recommend appointment of an outside prosecutor, a variety of Washington political hands in both parties said Monday, that will answer the critical question for the Clinton administration's heir apparent: Is Gore simply bumping through an unpleasant stretch of bad political weather or has he flown into a career-threatening crisis?

Thomas Hale Boggs Jr., a Democratic lobhyist and fundraiser, contended that the Senate campaign-finance hearings will have little long-lasting consequence for Gore. "You spin it and it's over," he said, adding that most voters will dismiss the allegadons as mere politics "because it's Republicans vs. Democrats."

Conversely, "an independent prosecutor looking at each violation of law, with a lot of money [to conduct an inquiry], that is a different matter," Boggs said. Not only would Gore's entire fund-raising

network be subject to questioning. but, on a much broader basis, an independent investigation fundamentally "interferes with your life."

"It's hard to run for president with an independent counsel run-ning around," said one veteran Democratic operative sympathetic to Gore, "People don't want to vote for someone who could be facing an indictment." This person, who spoke on condition of anonymity, argued that the allegations against Gore are trivial and are being deliberately pumped up by vindictive Republicans. Even so, the operative added, "This is going to guarantee some heavy primary opposition no matter what happens

Gore advisers maintain the criticism the vice president has taken for making telephone calls to contributors from the White House and for attending a political event last fall at a Buddhist temple is unfair. Gore argues that the telephone calls the issue the Justice Department is examining — were legal, although he has pledged not to make such calls in the future. And

while the vice president said it is

now clear the event was "finance-

related," he and his staff said he did

not know at the time that its main

purpose was fund-raising. They chalk up the current poliocal thumping as a predictable part of the process for a presidential contender. "You can't have a long career in modern politics without going through some turbulence, hut he'll come out of this fine." said Robert Squier, Gore's longtime media consultant.

Gore's staff took heart from a CNN/USA Today poll that sug-



Amid all the finger pointing, Attorney General Janet Reno must decide whether Vice President Al Gore's '96 fundraising activities raise enough questions to warrant further investigation.

gested the vice president retains a large measure of public confi-dence. Asked if Gore was "honest and trustworthy," 64 percent said yes, while 25 percent said no. The equivalent numbers for President Clinton were 53 percent yes and 42 percent no. They also showed that among Democrats, Gore is far ahead of potential rivals such as Jesse Jackson or House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt as the choice for the nomination in 2000. Republican lobbyist Tom

Korologos, who has worked with former attorney-general Edwin Meese and other clieots who were the subjects of special prosecutor investigations, said, "It's a debilitating experience. It knocks you off your feet; it knocks you into a cocked hat. You become consumed by this damned thing."

Of Gore, Korologos asked: "How can he go out and raise money? How can he go out and give speeches? How can he he a politically viable candidate in

whatever cattle calls the Democrats might hold? You watch and see, a governor or two will bounce in [the presidential race]. It could wipe out a whole year on

him, and he ain't got a year."

Goze would not be the first person to seek the presidency with a prosecutor on his trail. While thenvice president George Bush was not the official subject of the Iran-Contra investigator, prosecutor Lawrence Walsh announced damaging allegations about his role,

And Clinton won reelection in 1996 despite the existence of Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr's inquiry.

But some Republicans said Gore has already sustained political damage. The televised images of his appearance at the Buddhist temple are likely to find their way into TV ads aired by opponents.
And his stilted defense of the phone calls at a news conference last March — he repeated over and over that there was "no controlling legal authority" barring such calls -has weakened his image for ethical rigor. "The controversy goes to the heart of his effectiveness as a candidate, it undermines his earnest, clean image, and it undermines it in a very visual way," said

GOP strategist Edward Gillespie. One Democrat who worked on Clinton's presidential elections said the biggest problem for Gore may be a certain awkwardness when the

spotlight is on. Gore associates said he has privately acknowledged that his "no controlling legal authority line" was a mistake. But the veteran of Clinton's campaigns said the biggest concern was the "mind-set and psychology" that would lead him to resort to such a phrase in the

first place. "Clinton's at his best when [political problems] are at their worst, and it appears that Gore is

the opposite," this Democrat said. Some Democrats said Gore compounded his political problems by first saying he made solicitations on "a few occasions." Last month, Gore aides acknowledged that it was 10 occasions that Gore had solicited funds from 46 donors and called some 30 others to ensure that they delivered on pledges.

Reno previously had said that no independent counsel review was warranted for Gore because his White House telephone solicitadons were for unregulated "soft money," which benefits the national parties, and the relevant federal laws concern only "hard money," which benefits individual candidates. But she was forced to reassess last week following reveladons that some of the money Gore raised was moved by DNC staff into hard-money accounts.

Reno announced that her staff would conduct a 30-day review to see if more investigation is needed into whether there is credible evidence suggesting Gore broke the law. If so, a 90-day Justice Department investigation will begin after which Reoo would decide whether to ask a judicial panel to appoint an independent counsel.

Such prosecutors in the past have expanded their areas of inquiry, often taking years to finish their work.

Some officials said Gore, who has been sensitive to any challenge to his integrity, is becoming more philosophical about his political travails, "He had a bad week," said one aide. "You can't run for president without having some bad weeks."

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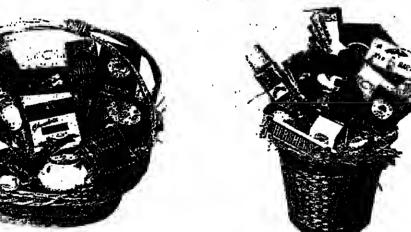


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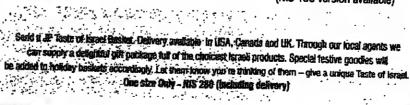


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The Scandinavian scandal quiets

Norway hopes other nations will quit wailing about its whaling

By MARY WILLIAMS WALSH

bardy men who bunt whales each summer off the rough Norwegian coast are already boping this will be the year they are finally removed from the rolls of international eovironmental scourges.

Norway has stirred world passions since 1993, when it permitted its whalers to resume the annual hunt, despite a global moratorium imposed by the International Whaling Commission in 1986.

A few countries, like Canada, tolerate subsistence whaling by native peoples, and Japan conducts "scientific whaling." But only Norway has gone so far as to let its fish- Animal Kingdom ermen openly hunt

whales for commercial trade, and Norway has reaped a tempest as a

Protesters have flocked to these shores in recent years, attacking abattoirs, scuttling whaling boats in their berths, and, in the case of the California-based Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, ramming a Norwegian Coast Guard ship. But this summer, an uncharac-

teristic peace has prevailed on Norwegian waters. There was one unexplained fire aboard a Norwegian craft early in the season. But aside from that possible act of sabotage, the usual fleets of protesters have not appeared. "I don't think they have much

support any more, because they told a story that wasn't true," says Jan Odin Olavsen, 48, a whaler from the northern community of Laknas. His five-man boat filled its 17-whale quota in just one week this summer. "There are a lot of whales," he

concludes. "The stock is not threatened at all." Here in Oslo, the major Norwegian environmental groups say Olavsen is right: It is now safe to hunt one species of whale, the minke, which grows to nine meters in length. The minke (Norwegian for "lesser") is the only whale that may be hunted under Norwegian regulations. Norway won an important sym-

holic victory earlier this year, when a majority of delegates to the triennial Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, held in Zimbabwe, voted to allow limited trading in such minke products as meat and blubber. The minke remains on the

endangered list, since removing it required a two-thirds majority. But vention's 57-51 vote in Norway's mer.

OSLO - The votes areo't count- favor - a first - will give an ed yet; in fact, they won't even be important oudge to the all-imporcast uotil next mooth. But the tant International Whaling Commission, scheduled to meet Monaco in October.

"There's been an interestiog development in the past year, says Norwegian Commissioner Kaare Bryn. "I'm a bit uncertain, but what we may be

seeing is a chance. for the first time in 10 or 15 years, to find a compromise between the whaling nacons and the anti-whaling

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nations." Bryn admits that Norway bad much to do with the nearextinction this century of the huge blue whale and other species. But he argues that it has

been decades since Norway has practiced the industrial techniques that almost wiped out the great whales. Today, Bryn says, Norway's 150 or so whalers are all fishermen. whaling for just a few weeks each summer under government super-

vision. They operate small, coastal fishing boats, not huge, floating factories. And their estimate, that there are about 110,000 minke whales in the northeastern Atlantic, has been accepted by the International Whaling Commission. Norway's 1997 quota of 580 minke whales is an acceptable fraction of that population, Bryn says.

Some people are listening. Last January, IWC commissioners met informally in Grenada and a central topic of their discussion was, reportedly, bow to reach some accommodation between wbaling natioos and those — like the US - that oppose the hunt. One proposal was to keep the moratorium on factory whaling but to lift the han for small, Norwegian-style boats.

This prospect alarms environ-mentalists. Ricbard Page, a whale campaigner at Greenpeace UK, said his group believes that if the ban on minke whaling were lifted at Norway's behest, it would throw open the doors to over-whaling of rarer species by less conscientious nations.

Asked why Greenpeace didn't come to Norway to protest this summer, Page said that since a new government was establishing itself in Oslo, his group wanted to concentrate its lobbying efforts in the corridors of the capital, not on the waves of the northern coast. whaling interests believe the con-He said Greenpeace might return

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After this promising start, alas, underestimate their audience.

A royal dilemma

Can the monarchy survive in a society badly shaken by the loss of its princess?

By PATT MORRISON

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LONDON - To employ a James Bond martini metaphor, the people of Britain have been stirred - and the House of Windsor has been shaken.

Now - following the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales - comes the question that all of last week's lesser questions of precedent and protocol had been leading up to: Should the dehate be about the monarchy of the future, its nature and character, or the future of the monarchy and whether it even has one? From the flower-bearing millions, the monarchy learned, belatedly and again, that "us" and them" are dangerous pronouns to be on the wrong side of.

in large measure because of those millions, the Princess of Wales in death may accomplish what she found herself thwarted at in life: changing the royal rules at unprecedented speed.

Already there are indications that the Diana divide was not only between people and palace, but between royal generations ... and that Charles, the Prince of Wales, may come out of it smelling like a rose for his part in making precedent bend to the moment.

Until last week, betting men might have wagered that the heir to the throne was odds-on to step out of the succession, marry his first love and grow organic vegetables. But through the standard process of oblique leaks, it was emerging that Charles had pushed for the funeral concessions and innovations, backed by Prime Minister Tony Blair, Britain's Channel 4, quoting a

"senior official close to court circles," said it was the queen who had insisted that, because Diana was no longer a member of the royal family, her body "was on no account to be brought to any of the royal palaces" but sent to a private mortuary for a private funeral.

Her ally was ber private secretary and Diana's brother-in-law, Sir Robert Fellowes, married to Diana's sister Jane, and the liaison to the Spencer family, which also supported a private funeral.

Charles was airborne to Londonfrom Paris, London's Sunday Times reported, negotiating by air phone to be allowed to return Diana's body to St. James's Palace. At one point, Channel 4 reported, Charles had a blazing row with Sir Robert Fellowes in which Sir Robert was told to "impale himself



The royal family poses in Windsor Castle on the day of Prince William's confirmation in March of this year.

on his own flagstaff." The palace has called that story "nonsensical speculation 1

Until Diana's arrival on the scene, Charles was looked to as the agent of change, arguing for a modern monarchy, musing over the worth of other religions, setting up his Prince's Trust for Britain's young, poor and hopeless.

It was he who bad reached across 50 years of post-abdication bitterness when he visited the outcast Duchess of Windsor, calling her "Aunt Wallis." Even her death occasioned criticism for "callous" treatment at the bands of the monarch. And Britain had once hated her as intensely as it loved

Diana. Whatever the dissonance of their personal lives, Charles and Diana had much of their work in common - the young and disadvantaged chief among them - and on the day in 1996 that both a marriage and a royal team were dissolved by divorce, they sat together on a sofa at Kensington Palace and wept for both a marriage and a team that had failed.

Charles was savaged by talkshow callers for walking in his exwife's funeral procession in a blue suit instead of a black one, until it was learned that be wore it because Diana liked him in it.

The royals last week took hesitant advantage of Blair's media savvy and took up the visual lan-guage of the modern media. They sent palace spokesmen out to speak to cameras; the royals awkwardly viewed tribute flowers outside the Scottisb castle of Balmoral and at London's Kensington Palace, Diana's residence; and, finally, there was the queen's speech to the nation the

day before the funeral. Blair's media guru was invited to the daily planning meetings, it was reported, and a troika of Charles, Blair and the Spencer family had approval over each decision.

Some court observers believe last week's close call gives Charles more leverage to persuade the institution to move into the 21st century with the rest of the

Without direct political or military power, the monarchy not only needs to do but to be seen to do. And that means dealing with the press, which has been the unwinnable struggle of the modern monarchy. How much press is enough, bow much is too much, and how, like Dr. Frankenstein, can the royals keep the monster

they had a hand in creating from destroying them? The media courtship, sometimes a waltz and sometimes slam-dancing, is trickier than it seems. Diana's brother's savaging of the press was something the royal family could never do itself, but it stands to benefit from at least temporary institutional remorse.

Charles stepped into this opportunity that Diana's brother created, and his plea that the press leave his motherless sons alone elicited remorseful pledges of cooperation Monday from editors who bave "taken the pledge" not to use paparazzi grab-shots of the boys.

One enduring principle of monarchy is that no one is irreplaceable: the king is dead, long live the king. Diana has now been characterized as the irreplaceable princess, whose touch-and-hug style ironically revived a kind of atavistic magic that the monarchy had worked to discard, like the ancient belief that the British sovereign's touch could cure scrofula.

Once the couple divorced, speculation had only grown about wbether there will ever be a King Charles III. His stepping aside would make the beloved Diana's son the heir apparent, but Charles the Parent also knows it would, on the queen's death, thrust his young son into lifelong harness that even the queen, at a self-disciplined 25

years of age, did not want so soon. And there is another consideration: that Charles, having failed at marriage, will more likely cling to fulfilling the only other duty demanded of him in life, to

The marital split that also split the loyalties of the country may heal themselves both in the memorial charity fund established in Diana's memory, and in the person of Prince William; resenting Charles means resenting William's sole surviving parent.

Antimonarchist sentiments have historically been quelled by royal tragedy, as in 1870, when Queen Victoria's heir almost died of the same typhoid that killed his father. Yet this royal tragedy may revive

those sentiments. Optimistic royalists will say that the aftermath of Diana's death offers a healing balm. The crown, they will point out, has survived four regicides - one by the king's wife - two revolutions and an abdication, countless plots and coups and foreign wars, passels of illegitimate children, a sehism with the Catholic world.

In stable times, they note, people want change. But in tumultuous ones - in times of war or tragedy - they want stability.

Can the royals survive such fluid expectations? It has been obvious that they no longer lead; can they now even keep up enough to fol-low? Four hundred years ago, Shakespeare's play about King Henry V had the king, on the eve of the great victorious battle of Agincourt, agonizing over the burdens of human lives that then rested npon rulers: "What have kings that privates have not too, save Ceremony, save general ceremony? And what art thou, thou idol Ceremony ... O ceremony, show me but thy worth!"

(Los Angeles Times)

Japanese mobsters feared more violent

By MARY JORDAN and KEVIN SULLIVAN

Underworld

TOKYO - It was like a scene from The Godfather. Four mob assassins walked into a crowded coffee shop in an expensive hotel, pulled out .45-caliber handguns and pumped seven bullets into a rival don, blasting him out of his chair and spraying blood all over the cafe.

But this wasn't New York or Sicily. Last week's brazen, daylight assassination happened in the Japanese port city of

Kobe, and it has triggered the higgest crack-down in years on the country's organized crime syndicates, known as yakuza. A mass manhunt involving 5,000 police offi-

cers throughout Japan has been mobilized against the Yamaguchigumi, the country's largest crime family, looking for guns and trying to stop a mob power struggle that apparently led to the killing.

At least 11 gang members have been arrested, and scores of yakuza homes and offices have been raided. At Sunday's funeral for the slain mob boss, Masaru Takumi, about 400 police officers showed up, photographing the 700 mourners and frisking the pallbearers.

Perhaps even more significantly, the assassination has raised police fears that the long-tolerated domestic crime family is turning into a violent organization with ties to foreign mobs, especially Chinese crime syndicates.
Takumi, 61, was the Yamaguchi-

gumi's second most powerful figure and its chief financial officer, controlling millions of dollars.

Police officials regarded him as an old-school moderate who advocated less involvement in drugs and violence and tried to steer the crime family into legitimate business ventures. After Kobe's devastating 1995 earthquake, members of Takumi's organization helped in rescue efforts and made donations, winning public thanks.

Takumi disagreed with more militant gang members who sought new forms of revenue through links with Thai and Malaysian prostitution rings, as well as Chinese criminals manufacturing illegal compact discs for pachinko machines an extraordinarily lucrative gambling venture. Some yakuza gangs bave recently forged ties with Chinese syndicates to smuggle illegal immigrants into Japan on boats for up to \$25,000 apiece.

After Takumi's killing, police began investigating a violent faction within his crime family that was "excommunicated" last

Those more militant members are said to have disagreed with the way Takumi was running the family.

Atsushi Mizoguchi, a journalist who has been following the yakuza for 30 years, said in an interview that the killing is "a symbol of the chaos" in the yakuza.

"The traditional yakuza is in the process of dismantling. It is becoming more criminal, more underground and more like the overseas mafia," he says.

Mizoguchi said the yakuza's sources of income are changing, its membership is declining, and its

ties with Thai, Malaysian, Iranian and especially Chinese crime syndicates are increasing.

"It used to be the pride of the yakuza that they would never rob or steal from ordinary people, but that is no longer true," Mizoguchi

The recent, highly public incidents of violence have reinvigorated Japan's resolve to weaken the

yakuza, an effort under way since passage of a 1992 anti-mob law that banned many of the crime families' public deal-ings. The latest available police statistics that 33,000 yakuza members were

arrested in 1995, most frequently on drug-related charges.

According to the National Police Agency, there are nearly 80,000 yakuza members in Japan. But other analysts say the number has dropped to 60,000 over the last two or three years, from a peak of as many as 180,000 in the early 1960s.

Many older members are leaving as the nature of the crime syndicates changes, as police become more aggressive in prosecuting mobsters, and as the public and legitimate businessmen no longer tolerate the collusion with the mob that existed for decades in the construction industry, unions, banks, stores and other mainstream businesses.

The country's tougher economic times also have hurt the yakuza. As organizations from local department stores to the national government streamline and cut costs, many are no longer willing to make payoffs to the mob as a cost of doing business.

The United States and Japan currently are involved in a shipping dispute over the high cost of bringing cargo into this country. Many foreign shippers say that because of mob control of waterfront operations, it costs less to ship cargo across the Pacific than it does to move it across the dock to the trucks that will deliver it in

Under public pressure, many companies also have stopped paying thousands of dollars to specialized gangs known as sokaiya in exchange for the gangs promises not to disrupt their shareholders' meetings. Because Japanese companies put a premium on harmony at these meetings, they became vulnerable to this lucrative form of extortion.

Still the collusive ties with business exist, particularly in the entertainment and gambling industries.

For decades, the yakuza has been tolerated on the general principle that if the crime families did not go too far, police would not come after them. Sometimes the police and the public even enlisted the gangs' help. Businesses hired mobsters to hust unions, and police used yakuza muscle to control communist agitators or other disruptive groups. Partly because of the Japanese aversion to filing lawsuits, ordinary citizens turned to the gangs to settle small-time disputes. (The Washington Post)

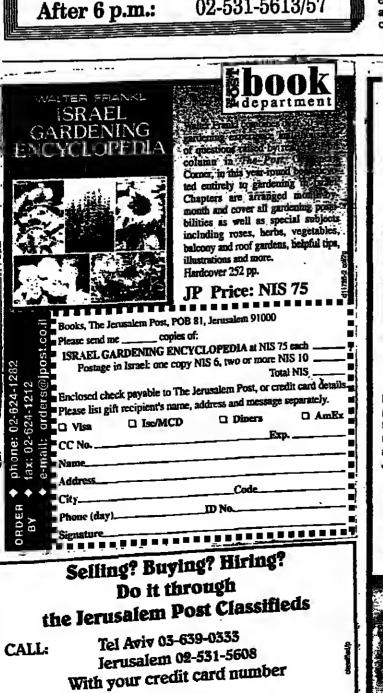
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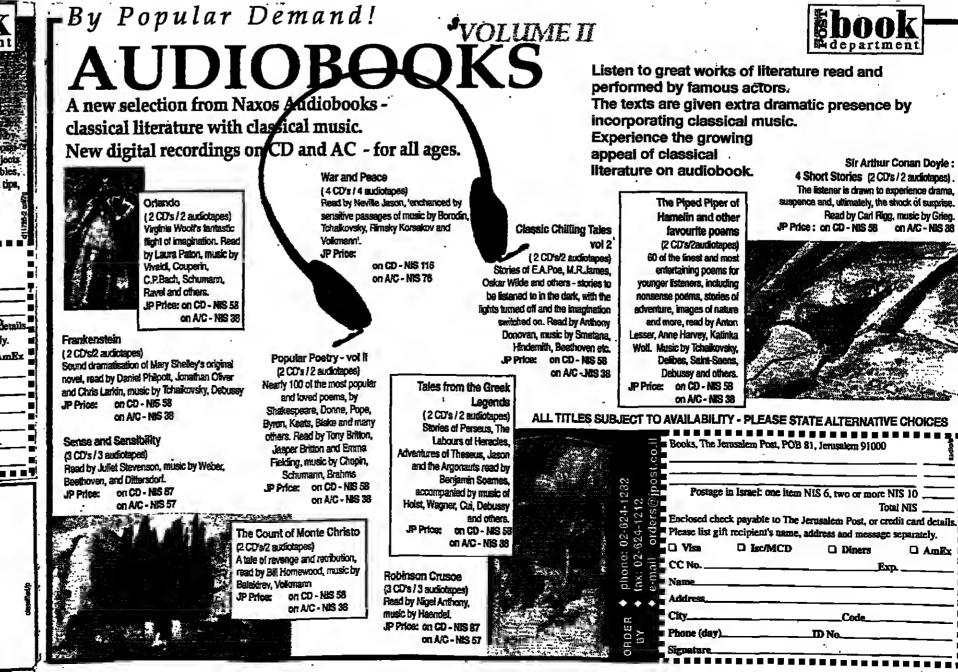
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Fiscal responsibility

n the wee hours of yesterday morning, the stituencies they were defending, they would be cabinet approved a NIS 2.3 billion budget Lcut for 1998, but not without numerous ministers acting out a parody of their role as defenders of their narrow political turf over the nation-

The cabinet had already decided on the overall size of the budget cut; this meeting was to decide how it would be allotted among the ministries. It is understandable that in some cases ministers would argue that the balance of cuts should be shifted, while meeting the overall budget target. What happened, however, is that the ministers came armed with budget requests that, according to Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, would bave increased the budget by

One of those asking for an increase was Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. In the end, Mordechai settled for a reduction in the proposed cut to NIS 400 million, and then voted for the budget. Mordecbai is to be commended for, in the end, recognizing that as vital as Israel's defense needs are, they are not served by fiscal irresponsibility that will burt defense spending more in the long run.

Other ministers were not so far-sighted, and along the way engaged in the kind of shameless demagoguery that unfortunately has become taken for granted in budget debates. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, for example, presides over a ministry whose mission is no less insportant to the future of the nation than the defense ministry. No one argues with the criticalneed to invest in education, even from an economic point of view. But Hammer smeared the moral sanctimony on thickly, claiming that a government that would cut the education budget had "no beart."

Ministers Levy, Hammer, Matza, and Yishai all accused the government of insensitivity to the "weaker sectors" of society. This accusation is often handied about, as if any social spending cut is against the interest of such weaker sectors. In this case, all the Treasury is proposing is cutting child allowances to families with fewer than four children with incomes above 170 percent of the national average. Such a measure is hardly a blow to the downtrodden; if anything, il is questionable as a disguised tax increase.

the ministers comprising the social chorus

as least as zealous about budget cutting as the Treasury. More importantly, they would break out of the time-honored political convention that equates caring about what a ministry does to increasing its budget.

Though the raw size of budget is one measure of a society's priorities, the question should be turned back on these ministers: if education, bealth, and employment are so important, wby do you seek to add money to your ministry without making any internal structural reforms? Ministers generally take the basic structure of their ministry for granted, and then, robot-like, seek to fund that structure more generously. It is also evidently taken for granted that the public measures the effectiveness of ministers in the shallowest of terms, looking simply at wbo threatens the most and extracts the most budget in exchange. In fact, the ability to avoid the budget ax should be one of the least significant measures of effectiveness. Moreover, there is no evidence that the public is actually as shallow as ministers assume it to be.

In the rare instances in which ministers have actually cooperated fully in cutting their own budgets with a view toward the national interest then-defense minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1985, for example - the public has responded positively. Nor were economics minister Yossi Beilin and Science Minister Micbael Eitan considered weak or ineffective for proposing to abolish their ministries entirely.

While there is unfortunately a paucity of precedent on which to base this judgment, the public would most likely appreciate ministers who led their ministries toward doing more with less money, rather than blindly following the standard "give me more" model.

The modest budget cul that passed in the cabinet will meel stiff opposition in the Knesset, and is unlikely to pass intact. The danger ahead is that the over all size of the "cut" will survive, but much of it will metamorphose into oew taxes. Since Netanyahu's George Bush-style "oo oew taxes" pledge in July 1996, he is sounding much less definite on this issue. The proposed cut is not so large that Netanyahu can afford to whittle it away with new taxes, which themselves take the economy in the wrong direction. He had betface down budget-hungry ministers now, were serious about the welfare of the con- than voters with long memories later.

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A HEARTY LAUGH

Sir, - Sam Orbaum's "God's

diner or Heaven's kitchen" (Not

Page One, July 29) was one of the

most entertaining pieces of writing

my husband and I have enjoyed in

our sharing was interrupted many

times by the heartiest laughs we

have had in a long time. And with

or bearts so beavy about the stalled

peace talks and the bombings, the

soldiers' deaths and injuries and the

BEILIN'S PROPOSAL

form a pressure group for a unilat-

eral withdrawal from Lebanon is a

great idea. As soon as he and the

co-sponsors of the group move to

Kiryat Shmona, Ma'alot, or other

northern border towns or settle-

ments, together with their fami-

lies, to live and work there, to send

their children to the local schools,

I will follow. After all, it is a beau-

The people of southern Lebanon

and the army of General Lahad

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DORIS HAIMSON

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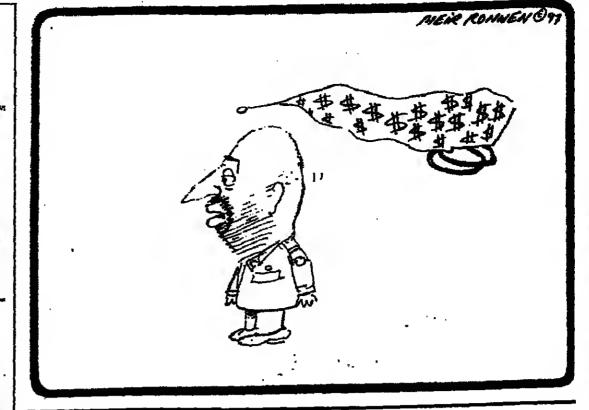
Well, a hearty laugh is a rare and

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slaughter on our highways...

I read the article aloud to him and



Welcome, Ms. Albright

The fact that you left the Middle East virtually for last in your world travels raises expectations about your visit well beyond what you probably want. But there are advantages to a visit accompanied by high

Everyone knows that you cannot leave empty-handed or merely with a commitment to resume dialogue between low-level Israelis and Palestinians. Everyone is getting prepared, and considers it a duty to do something to pacify you - something which provides you with the opportunity for a successful visit

The Middle East is experiencing one of its toughest moments. Yasser Arafat feels he bas no choice but to embrace Hamas leaders. Binyamin Netanyahu feels he has no alternative other than to declare a halt to the interim agreement and to withhold money owed to the Palestinians. And terrorist incidents are turning Netanyahu's slogan of "peace with

security" into a pathetic promise. The talks with Syria and Lebanon have stopped completely, as have the multilateral talks; the regional economic committee. by its own account, is on the verge of failure; the Arab boycott of Israel is resuming and the danger of violence erupting - whether in the form of war or otherwise - is more tangible than it has been since the Madrid Conference.

We in Israel might end up paying in blood for this impasse, but for the American administration it would be a stinging failure, espe-cially in the wake of what seemed to be a smashing success during Clinton's first term in office. We wbo live in the Middle East cannot afford this. Nor can you.

You have been designated to fulfill three roles in this region: policewoman, judge and kindergarten teacher. Beware of all three. To the policewoman, each YOSSI BEILIN

side will propose to force some-thing on the other. You do not bave a mandate to impose force and, even if you had, implementing it would bave an adverse effect. The moment you try to apply pressure, you will come up against Israeli or Palestinian consensus against this pressure, even if such consensus does not exist on other issues. You are not a Each side will propose to the

> Put an end to the post-World War II world's longest international

conflict

judge in you to listen and be convinced of the justice of his position. That is a tempting assignment, but it lacks significance. For, as in a Greek tragedy, each side has some just claims. Each side has a notable list of violations to the agreement, and each side will claim that the violations to which it admits are a direct result of the violations committed by the other side. You are not a judge.

As a kindergarten teacher, you will be expected to listen to both sides, and to sit them down together like two scolded children to discuss all of the unresolved issues which bave not been solved over the last year and which will not be solved even if you leave us with a sigh of relief, and say that at least you are happy to see the talks resuming. You are not a kindergarten teacher.

Don't escape down that path. Assad will charm you with his history lessons, but do not believe you've won his beart. He has already proven to our government, the previous government, that even the entire Golan does not jusnfy normalization on his part. Only if he remains alone in the "rejectionist camp" is there a chance of his being convinced to

alter his policy. The Israel-Palestinian problem is at the same time the most difficult to solve and the most promising. Among other reasons, this is because the main question here is when" and not "if."

The interim agreement was reached long ago, and the main points of the final arrangement are clear to everyone. Including you. There is even a date for its implementation: May 4, 1999. Do not forget. This is the most crucial date of the Israeli-Arab conflict, and it will arrive during President Clinton's current term.

The proposal being crystallized over the last months between Washington, Jerusalem and Ramallah is the most reasonable and best balanced: to speed up talks on the final status, to suspend redeployment for six months if by then no agreement is reached about the final border, a tangible commitment on the part of the Palestinian Authority to combat terrorism with a firm hand, and a commitment from Israel to avoid taking unilateral steps which contradict the spirit of Oslo.

Only consent about these components will turn your visit into a success. You can do it because you are not a policewoman, nor a judge, nor a kindergarten teacher. You are a representative of the only superpower in the world requesting to put an end to the post-World War II world's longest international conflict.

The writer is a Labor MK.

THERE are those who suggest that you invest most of your effort in the Syrian-Israeli channel.

Well done

The sale of Bank Hapoalim, completed last Friday, was a watershed in the history of the Israeli economy. Unfortunately, the event was overshadowed by other, tragic events that seized and almost monopolized the publie's attention - the Ben-Yehuda bombing and the disastrous raid into Lebanon.

Interestingly, these three events, unconnected except in their timing, may come to be seen in the future as symbols of three major changes in Israeli policy:

1) The Netanyahu government

used the latest bombing to announce, in so many words, the termination of the Oslo process;

2) The massacre of an elite commando unit has brought to a head the question of what 15 years of blood-lening in Lebanon has achieved for Israel's security and wby the Israeli army is still wedded to the concept, born in the Palmah of the 1940s, of daring commando raids that may be ractically brilliant (or disastrous) but bave no strategic value;

3) The privatization of the biggest bank and biggest economic entity in the country.

OF the three, the Hapoalim sale stands out in two respects: almost everyone sees it as a decidedly positive development - perhaps not the ideal way to sell the bank but, given the political and economic circumstances, the best option available. Furthermore, it represents that rarest of phenomena in Israeli public life - the successful execution of a decision taken by a government, of its own volition.

The question of what the optimum way to sell Hapoalim might have been is now water under the bridge. The second issue, however, warrants more serious atten-

The suggestion that a commission of inquiry be established to find out what went right in the sale of Happalim, so as to draw the necessary conclusions for the future, may not be entirely in jest. PINCHAS LANDAU

But no formal commission is needed, because the answers are visible to the naked eye, and require no unearthing. For some years this writer.

along with the Israeli press in general, has been struggling to unravel a knotty mystery: why have countries of every size, geographic location, poliocal leaning etc., been able to sell state-owner companies large and small. through every known privaoza-

What went right in the sale of Bank Hapoalim?

tion method, whilst Israel has failed to get its privatization program movine?

Had the Hapoalim sale been achieved through the use of some stunning advance in financial engineering, a marketing gimmick, a display of genius or legerdemain by any of the people involved - or, conversely, had the sale been made in a patently biased or suspicious manner, or for a giveaway price - we could say that this government is cleverer, more cumning or more unscrupnious, than any of its predecessors, and that's why it managed to do what had never been done before.

However, what actually took place is a sale devoid of any sophistication, financial or otherwise. The price paid was much higher than had been anocipated. to the point where many analysts wonder how the buyers are going to get a good return on their money. And the losing contenders have voiced only praise for the way the sale process was handled.

In other words, difficult though this is to believe, the evidence

points overwhelmingly in one

direction:

the government

announced what it was going to do and the officials responsible went ahead and did it in the most straightforward and direct manner. That the government involved was the present one, which has not distinguished itself by always doing what it said, only emphasizes how remarkable, almost unique, this achievement is.

This has implications both for the past and the future. If in order to succeed you only need do things right, not to be terribly smart, then elearly the record of failure of previous governments reflects their inability to reach even this level of functionality. Bin why did they fail so miserably, given the low barrier to success? The answer is that they, in sharp contrast to the Netanyahu government, didn't really want to succeed. Netanyahu & Co. made the

same noises as their predecessors. The difference is that they meant it. It turns out that in the 1990s all a government has to do to sell its boldings is let go. The intermediaries and buyers will do the rest. It requires a major effort nor to sell state holdings - the sort of effort we witnessed in Israel for years in respect to Israel Chemicals and, more recently, Bezeq.

Only this relentless determination on the part of a government to frustrate, interfere, block and botch can prevent large companies from moving into private hands. In other words, privatization is

the natural order of events. Left to its own devices, the economy will see to it that state-

owned enterprises are privatized. The twofold achievement of the Netanyahu government is that it proved this dictum applies in Israel, thereby showing that the past failures were the seller's fault (and not an indication of a lack of serious buyers); and that, by proceeding steadily along the path it charted for itself, it hit the jackpot and deservedly so

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No alternative '

DAVID KINCHE

The Albright visit is upon us, hard in the wake of the most traumatic weekends this country experienced in many a year. Albright will undoubtedly have been fully briefed on the mood existing bere. She will have been told about the war of words that bas engulfed this country regarding the most basic questions affecting our future: withdrawal from Lebanon, the Oslo Accords, negotiations with

Syria. The discord is not only between government and opposition: Peres criticizes Barak Barak berates Beilin, while government ministers are at loggerheads over the Lebanese question and over Oslo - one minister claims the Oslo Accords are dead, another, David Levy, warns that he will not remain in a government that allows Oslo to become redundant. A third minister, Avigdor Kahalani, voices his fears that Israel might be at war by the end of 1998, while, at the same time, the prime minister assures us that by the end of his present term in office we will. indeed, be blessed with both peace and security.

Confusing? No wonder so many people would like to see Albright swoop down in a mixture of Mighty Mouse, Batman, and a modern day Messiah, in order to bring to our region, at the very least, a return to sanity.

Albright, however, is no miracle maker. The gulf between the contending parties cannot be bridged in a "quickie" visit. In order to get the peace process back on track. an enormous amount of patience and hard work, as well as not a little arm-twisting, must be the order of the day for Albright and her team, and the visit this week must be seen as the opening gambit of a long, renewed effort, and not an end in itself.

In all the disarray and confusion which so characterizes the political scene in Israel today, the one hard bedrock on which future policy has to be fashioned is the much reviled Oslo Agreement. Ministers and rabbis may denounce it, Women in Green may become hysterical over it, but it is still the one beacon which must guide our future relation with Palestinians.

The agreement may not be perfectbut given the immensely complex situation which had existed between Israel and the Palestinians before Ron Pundak and Yair Hirshfeld initiated the Oslo talks, the Oslo Accords were the best that could have been

Moreover, before the death of Oslo is officially pronounced, the alternatives to Oslo must be examined. A return to the intifada? A multiplication of terrorist acts? A return to bostility with Egypt and possibly Jordan? An end to hope and a victory for ?

despair? Albright will no doubt examine the alternatives very carefully during ber visit here. Her conclusion will be that the Oslo Accords will have to be implemented. Arafat will not be able to wriggle out of taking drastic action against Hamas and the Islamic Jihad infrastructure; Netanyahu will be hard put to continue collective punishment or to procrastinate on further stages of withdrawal. The Americans will insist on a plan of action that will enable a measure of mutual confidence to be restored. Their insistence will test both Arafat's and Netanyahu's true intentions and maybe the people of Israel may yet get to know where our government is really

heading. Albright will also be visiting Damascus. Rumors abound in Israel that Netanyahu may prove more flexible on the Syrian front, in order to show that he really is moving towards peace.Flexibility with the Syrians could also help solve the impossible south Lebanese situation, and would serve the interests of the Americans for whom Syna is more important than the Palestinians.

The prime minister's religious and right-wing electorate would accept compromise on the Golan more easily than in Judge and Samaria; his objective of re-election would suffer less from coming to terms with the Syrians than with the Palestinians.

For all these reasons, we may yet see a sudden finrry of political activity on the Syrian front, and in much the same way that the Begin government was willing to sacrifice Sinai in order to uphold its position in Judea and Samaria, our present government might do. the same with regards to the Golan.

Yet in the long run it is with the Palestinians that we have to live. As long as hatred, bigotry and ignorance of each other govern relations between Israelis and Palestinians, there will not be true peace in the Holy Land.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sir, - Those of us who lived through the 1930s hope that the western democracies have learned their lesson of the failure of their

appeasement policy then. We all recall the arrival of Mr. Chamberlain at Croydon, waving a piece of paper and declaring: have brought peace in our time - I have it here signed by Herr Hitler." That "peace in our time" lasted about a year.

The Oslo Accords were also supposed to bring "peace in our time" and we are again told not to pay heed to Arafat's incitement in Arahic against Israel and the Jewish people. The Palestinian Covenant, calling for the destruenon of Israel, is unaltered and unchanged after four years. In those four years the terror has not abated and the Jewish people continue to pay in blood and tears for

this "peace process."
I hope Secretary of State Madeleine Albright recalls that it was that appeasement policy that made her parents and herself, then a young girl, into refugees just as it made me one. It is our sincere prayer that she will explain to her Arab and Arabist friends that she has personally experienced the failure of appeasement and evenhandedness and that she will not levy to inflict similar "requests" to the only true democracy in the Middle East today, as was done to her land of birth only 59 years ago.

EMANUEL FISCHER

60 years ago: On September

for anti-Jewish excesses in

Warsaw, Kielce and other provin-

cial towns where large numbers

of Jews were beaten during the

New Year period. In Danzig

Nazis disturbed Jewish New Year

services. Antisemitic agitation

Arabs living in Haifa's Wadi

Rushmieh area were forced to

pay ransom to the "Black Hand"

continued in Romania.

terrorist gang.

NATIONAL SELF-INTEREST

Sir, - Has anyone yet noticed that American Jews are assimilating very rapidly? Our policymakers should take note, because assimilated American Jews do not support Israel when it's not in fashion. They prefer their new friends, the non-Jews of the world, and these have no use for a Jewish

Israel. Jewish America is disappearing. Gone is the die-hard commitment and uninhibited vocal support that we once counted on our blood-brothers. from America's Jewish leaders and laity are intermarried, intermarrying, and legitimizing intermarriage. When push comes to shove they will pander to the base hypocrisy of gentile fashion-set-

ters and rationalize the perfidy of their venal role-models. It is obvious that the only feeling Jews that will be left in America before long will be those who are fully committed to Torah Judaism. Our national self-interest lies in the strengthening of Torah Judaism and the teshura movement abroad. It's the only way to attract our fellow Jews in America back to the support of Israel. These are the only Jews who are really able to command the respect of the American govemment and elicit its coopera-

SARAH LEVIN

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

A foundation stone was laid for 19. 1937. The Palestine Post a new Jewish workers' quarter on blanted the Polish government a hill near Sheikh Abreik in

50 years ago: On September 10, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that in Hamburg the Exodus 1947 "illegal" immigrants to Palestine held aboard the second "floating cage" -Empire Rival - disembarked quietly, apparently fooled by a fake message, but those of the third ship, Runnymede Park, battled

furiously for over an hour before they were beaten into submission 400 troops of the British Airborne Division and Military Police. Thirty-three refugees were injured.

The very last to be dragged on the deck was a young blonde girl, still singing the Jewish anthem, She fought on until she lost consciousness.

France declared that it was ready to accept the Exodus 1947 refugees who wished to enter voluntarily. Alexander Zvielli

that are treatment be going on than After this promising start, alas, underestimate their audience. alternas

Guys and dolls, girls and trucks

A Tel Aviv day-care center has turned traditional gender roles upside down. Allison Kaplan Sommer discovered on a recent visit.

t's mid-morning at the WIZO day-care center on King George Street in Tel Aviv, and the place is abuzz with activity. Children are drawing and painting, playing with dolls, blocks, trucks and an assortment of other toys. Nothing could seem more typical. But a closer look reveals that something different is going

"Look at those clean, adorable babies!" exclaims Sara Maman, one of the day-care workers, as she supervises a group of twoyear-old boys busy scrubbing baby dolls in basins of water. "That's right," she instructs them, "put the soap all over their bodies, wash their arms, their legs, and their tummies. Give their hair a good sbampoo. Afterwards, we'll dry them off, rub on cream, put on their diapers and their

Outside in the yard, girls of the same age are busy on a little construction site, sawing wood, putting together nuts and bolts and painting walls with giant rollers of white paint,

This WIZO center is pioneering wbat it hopes will become a nationwide program promoting equal opportunity for men and women - starting from the earliest of ages. In an effort to counteract the social pressure that directs little girls toward dolls and boys toward building, and to signal that all possibilities are open to both sexes, staffers at the King George center are encouraging the children to participate in activities outside the stereotypes

of their sexes. This will be the third year that the King George center is formally implementing its gender-equality program. The program's initiator, Drorit Amitai-Dror, WIZO national educational supervisor in the Department of Early Age Care and Educatioo, and Aliza Harris, director of the Kiog George nursery, say that so far they are pleased with how it's been going.

The culmination of the project last year was an all-girls soccer game, where the girls played, and the boys stood on the sidelines. waved pom-poms, and cheered. By all accounts, both the boys and the girls had a wonderful

The hope is to get children to learn equality during their most formative years," says Amitai-Dror, emphasizing that the aim is strictly educational, not political. The program is designed to help a little girl envision a future life that could include being an engineer, pilot or doctor, rather than limiting herself to the traditional images of housewife and mother.

"Our intention is not to obscure sexual identity but to encourage a young girl to be ambidous about her future." says Amitai-Dror. Similarly, she adds, boys should learn that cooking, cleaning, caring for babies and cheering on girls playing soccer are perfectly natural activious for them to pur-

Harris stresses that while boys and girls at the center are encouraged to participate in activities that are not necessarily traditional for their sex, "nobody around bere is forcing boys to play with dolls, or girls to play with

Since a program like this couldn't get off the ground without the cooperation and understanding of the entire WIZO oursery staff, Amitai-Dror and Harris didn't launch it before they had conducted a comber of consciousness-raising sessions on society's expectations of men and women. In them, the staffers were encouraged to make a complete break with tradition regarding the center's routine. For example, they began to make a point of asking the girls to move chairs and desks, and the boys to clear up the doll comer or tidy the toy kitchen.

To make the message of broadened gender roles consistent, it needed to be extended to the children's parents. Thus, when chil- program came during story time.



If WIZO's pioneering program takes hold nationwide, pictures like this will seem nothing out of the ordinary.

dreo are asked to bring a cake from home for a party, it isn't automatically assumed that mothers will do the baking, or that only fathers will be asked to volunteer to do repairs at the oursery.

"In the beginning, it did all feel a little strange," admits Maman, who has worked at the King George WIZO center for 21 years. "But now it feels completely oatural."

There were some unexpected challenges along the way. One problem the staff ran into early on in the

When the teachers read traditional fairy tales and other stories to the childreo, they found that, counter to the message the edocators oow want to promote, in most books the female characters were either passive heroines or evil witches, while the males were the heroes. This situation prompted them to create alternative stories, or provide critical commentary on the traditional

reinforce the message in casual show oo fear of becoming into a woman."

remarks. Wheo one little girl picked up a toy telephone and began talking into it, a teacher asked, "Who are you talking to? It looks like you are making a very important call. You are clearly a very successful busi-

oesswoman." According to Harris and the center staff members, the children are thrilled by the opportunity to participate in the whole range of activities and play a variety of roles. It seems they

"tomboys" or "sissies." The only negative reactions

have come from a handful of parents - mostly fathers of boys who were worried that the program might weaken or feminize their sons. And although the messages

that appeared oo the bolletin board put up last year for parents' reactions were mostly supportive, one father, signing him-self "A Worricd Dad," wrote: "Don't ruin my son and turn him

Although Harris and Amitai-Dror insist that they are promoting education and not a social revolution, there have been wider-ranging repercossioos. The hushand of one of the staff members at the center complained that all the coosciousness-raising going oo at work was damaging his relaconship with his wife. Perhaps she thought that if two-year-old boys could prepare dinner, change diapers and wash dishes. could her husband.



A good shampoo is essential, and there's so much to do afterwards - drying dolly off, putting on cream, n clean diaper and some clothes.

PARENTING

Gain respect by giving it

Los Angeles psychologist who gave up her practice when she discovered Judaism. Her first child was a baby eight years ago when a friend invited her to a ago when a friend invited her to a adultiood, fley are relactant to family Foday night service at her demand honor and respect from synagogue. Someone played guilar their children simply because of mid the woman rabbi was friendly. their status as parents Migelicand.
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reached by E-mail wmogel@aol.com

In a recent visit to Israel; Mogel, shared some of her thinking with the "Parenting" column. In this and the next two columns, we will pass some of her insights on to you. The fifth commandment tells us to honor your father and mother that your days may be long upon the earth. It's the only one of the Ten Commandments in which God: strikes a deal with us perhaps because the Torah recognizes that children are not naturally inclined to treat their parents with respect in fact, although we are required to love God and to love our neighbors. ludaism does not require us to love our parents. Instead we are required to treat them with dignity and to care for them in their old age.

Authority buttons that were popular in the 1970s? Some babyboomer parents take an ideological stand against any role distinctions that are "given" rather than carned.

After fighting against oppressive power structures in their young

their status as parents.

For other parents, their own childhood experience of not having been beaut, leads them to be cautious about being less than perfectly animent to and deeply respectful of their children's feelings and needs. Yet, paradoxically paging, who street for constitutional. parënts who strive for equality and fainces in everything find them-selves with demanding, greedy, autious children. Judaism is a religion of dead and

Judaism is a religion of deed and policied. Our moughs and feel ings belong to us, it is our behavior toward others that counts with God. By returning respect from our children of the region of the owied. This is all for the sake of honor, of parents, of teachers and of

We can set some new standards for our families by leading chil-then not to sit in their parents places at the table, to greet and make requests using a person's name or tile and to say yes, please and not make you when

The key to doing this Practice what you preach If you remire honor you must also demoistrate.

If you tell your child you te going to do something (positive or negative), do it. Bead down and look at cinidien at eye level when talking. to them. Remember, if we teach our children to bonor their elders, they'll have a good reason to want to grow mp.

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GARDENER'S CORNER

Our shrinking gardens

By BATSHEVA MINK and DAVID BRAUNER

f the gardener can't go to the garden, then the garden must come to the gardener. So as gardens shrink to make way for wider roads or sink into the foundations of yet another tower block, plant lovers are forced to devise ingenious ways to keep in touch with nature. There is no place in any living space or work area where some type of plant cannot be grown. Whether inside or just outside the building, small-scale gardens can create a natural effect with a series of individual plants in assorted pots and planters. The gardener can opt for decorative leafy and flowering varieties, herbs, fruits and vegetables or sweet-smelling bouquets. Virtually any combina-tion of whatever strikes your fancy will work.

The first pleasure of "container gardening" is the proximity of your botanical world to you and your lifestyle. Smaller plants and shrubs, which would be otherwise lost in a large outdoor garden, may be enjoyed in fine detail. Up close, you will see the delicacy of flowers and leaves.

Gardening should never be a chore. Often larger spaces can be more labor-intensive than ever intended, making the grower a slave to what should be a relaxing oasis. The design of your container garden should reflect your tastes and be an extension of your "live-io" area. The older gardener and the dis-

abled and handicapped can cope with a "potted garden" quite iodependently, Also, children can have the fun of looking after their own pots and boxes. Container gardening is the ideal method in townhouse courtyards and patios, on apartment rooftops, balconies. stair landings (that have light) and in windows. Window boxes are an excellent choice for the apartment dweller, because plants can be viewed from inside and outside. A distinct advantage of container gardening is that one is oot limited to the native type of soil. Gardeners can experiment with different soils and combinations to find the most suitable mixture for "fussy plants," for instance, those requiriog an acid soil. Other advantages are that pots and boxes can be moved around like furniture, for more shade or sun, or simply because the fancy takes you. Also it is possible have plants in flower all year round. The only tools one needs are a hand trowel

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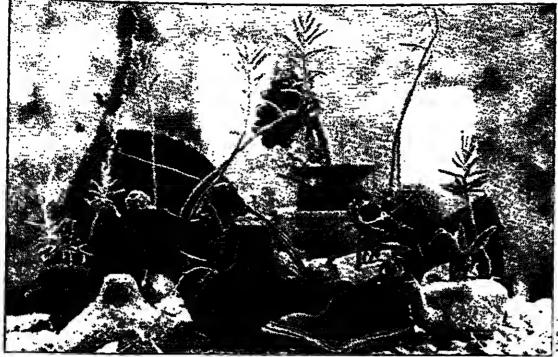
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and a watering can. Plants can happily flourish in any container that will bold soil. Half tires, old sinks, discarded drawers are just as good as bought clay pots and plastic wiodow boxes. The only exception is clear



glass. That's because roots hate to be exposed to light. Clean the container well before using to avoid bringing in diseases and pests. Make sure the container has good drainage, which can be achieved by lining the bottom with a thin layer of potsherds or small stones.

available. Or try mixing your own. A good general mixture consists of three parts soil, two parts peat moss (Heb. kavul) and one part fine sand or volcanic rock (Heb. ruf.) Don't forget to add some slow-release fertilizer to the mixture, according to the directions on

months, except in the winter. Because any type of restrictive gardening is essentially unnatural, plants grown in containers depend on their human friends for a little more care and attention than those planted in open ground. Of course, the most important need is water. the packet. Fertilize every four Regular watering is a must, and the soil should never be allowed to dry out completely. Even a weekend without water during a heat

> Individual plants can either be grown in separate pots and planters, or many of the same kind planted together in larger containers. Or you can plant a variety of different plants in one container. If you do mix different plants in one pot, be sure their light requirements are the same. For instance, don't plant light-loving pelargoniums and light-shy fems in the same container. Among the more common flow-

wave can do irreversible damage.

ering plants that are well-suited to container gardening are geraniums (pelargoniums), daisies (Bellis perennis, Heb. hinanit rav-shnatit or bat-hen), white Alyssum (Alyssum saxatile: Heb. melalanit rav-shnatit), white petunias (Petunia hybrida: Heb. petuniat haklayim) often with trailing green and white ivy (Hedera helix, Heb. kisus hahoresh).

One box might contain a collection of colorful leafy plants, interplanted with a few bulbs. The Pooytail Palm (Beaucarnea recurvata) and the Dragon Tree (Dracaena marginata) make very good architectural plants with other boranicals growing around them. For shady spots, or spider plants (Chlorophytum comosum vittatum) can be used as center

pieces. For sunnier conditions and

busy people who may forget to

water, the curious shapes and

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Ip of the Week

HEADS 'N' TAILS

Creature comfort

By D'YORA BEN SHAUL

hospital for wild animals? Yes - the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, together with the Tnuva Foods Company, recently opened just such an institution in Abu Kabir in Tel Aviv. This is a most welcome development, one all our animal-loving readers should note. Now anyone who finds a baby animal or an injured creature has somewhere to take it to.

This was not always the case. Over the years there were numerous frantic telephone calls and letters from people who had found injured, abandoned, or lost baby animals (or at least they assumed they were abandoned or lost). In many instances, there wasn't a lot of hetp to offer.

I once found an eagle with a broken wing, and even though I knew how to take care of it in general, it still took me two days to locate a veterinarian who would agree to operate on the wing. It then took seven weeks of nursing before the poor bird even attempted to fly

One would be amazed at the strange array of injured animals that comes into the hands of our readers. There was a baby fox with a broken leg that sumbled into the periphery of a Lag Ba'omer campfire in Jerusalem; a young caracal lynx that got into an unfortunate confrontation with a combine in the Negev: a bustard that broke a leg trying to free itself from a wad of shade-netting in a kibbutz field in the Negev, a vulture, feeding on an animal's careass on a Galilee highway, that got itself struck by another vehicle, and a gazelle fawn caught in barbed wire at the perimeter of an army base in the lordan Valley. That's not even menooning a long list of nestlings and fledgling



crows, ravens, falcons and barn owls found injured or otherwise

incapacitated. If you come into possession of a

protected animal, the first thing you must do is notify the Nature Reserves Authority in Jerusalem. No person or institution is permitted by law to hold on to an animal that is a member of a protected species, without a special permit from the NRA.

The SPNI or the NRA will pick up the animal - or you can take it in yourself. If you want to apply for a permit to keep an animal after it has been reported and treated. I

suggest you take it in personally. Whatever the case, by taking an injured animal to the new hospital in Abu Kabir, you can be certain it will be well cared for by trained technicians and veterinarians specializing in the treatment of

Anyone who finds a baby animal or injured wild creature now has a hospital to take it to.



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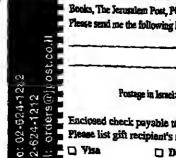
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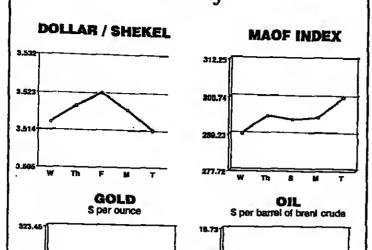
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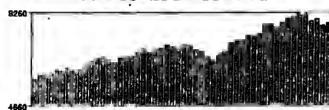
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\$56m. Islamic investment fund founded

Individuals and companies have founded a new Islamic investment firm with a paid-up capital of 17 million dinars (\$56.66 million), the Kuwait News Agency has reported

The company, Al-Oula Investments, will invest in real estate, industrial and agriculture projects, the stock exchange and investment runds, according to the state-run agenc Islamic institutions traditionally don't accept or pay interest

and, instead, share in profits. Kuwait has one Islamic bank.

Anti-trust Authority launches probe of Mashav's cartel status

Commission declares Mashav a car-

tel, the two firms will have to dis-

pose of their holdings, said Tadmor.

and JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Anti-trust Commissioner David Tadmor yesterday said he is investi-gating Koor Industries and Clal Israel on suspicion they are operating a carrel.

In a letter sent to Koor, Clai, and IDB Holdings, which controls Clal, Tadmor told the companies he is

considering declaring their joint holdings, particularly in Mashav Initiating and Development, a holding company with interests that include coment, fuel, and real estate, as "anti-competitive." "Such a practice violates our laws." Tadmor said. He gave the firms 21 days to file

their initial response and 90 days to submit a full report describing their joint activities. If the Anti-Trust

Another possible outcome would result in forcing the two to reach a new ownership smicrure deal, either by one party selling its holdings to the other, or by diluting its holdings

by bringing in a third partner. Koor previously said it favors offering Nesher, Mashav's whollyowned subsidiary and the country's only cement producer, on a US stock exchange. Clal opposes the move. Koor CEO Binyamin Gaon and

Mashav's general manager Yossi Rosenne recently returned from the US. after e round of meetings with the Merrill Lynch investment bank. Metrill Lynch intends to handle

sale of the 30 percent of the shares of Nesher. Merrill Lynch is presently

negotiating with three of the world's six largest concerns, and a deal is expected to be signed with one of them by the end of the year.

In addition to Nesher, Mashav holds a 50% stake in cement container operator Ta'avura, e 100% stake in Av-Shal Investment & Trade, 54.2% in Granite Hacarmel

MKs threaten to challenge Migdal's deal with Generali

By DAVID HARRIS

Michael Kleiner (Gesher), chief coalition representative on the Knesset Finance Committee. said yesterday he intenda to retroectively challenge Bank Leumi's salc of Migdal Insurance to Assicurazioni Generali, unless the Italian insurance company transfers money to e fund for families of Holocauat victims within a

In June, Generali agreed to establish a \$12 million fund to make payments to families who claim they hold life insurance policies in the names of Holocaust victims which had never been redeemed.

Previously, both Generali and Migdal bad refused to pay ont such policies, even if the familics hed documentation, and the Finance Committee had threatened to initiate a boycott of Migdal.

Generali also egreed to set up an information bot line at its Trieste base and a variety of other steps. However, oow Klcioer says four of the key measures bevo yet to be acted upon: • The Finance Committee and Geoerali executives agreed to create a five-person committee to manage the fund, but so far Generali bas failed to approve the four representatives Stem. it was egreed the Knesset would eppoint.

ticipate in the Israeli project to

provide Jordan with desalinated

water, to work on the gas pipeline

between Israel and Egypt, and to

push the Jordanian government to

create a free-trade zone with

Such a development would

arrangement has yet been made by the company.

The company's representatives are dragging their feet in transferring documentation to Elisheva Anshacher, the lawyer representing many of the Israeli families with claims against the

. No moncy has yet been forthcoming from the company for the fund.

Kleiner said he will give the company one week to rectify matters before he attempt to invalidate the company's 1996 purchase of Migdal Insurance. So far he has not explained how this can be achieved.

"This matter is now very serious," said Kleiner. "If e valid agreement with the Knesset is not upheld, why theo should Israel uphold the egreement to the sale of Migdal?"

Generali's legal representative in Israel, Amihad Beo-Porat, is overseas and was unavailable for comment.

The success of the tender wherein Israel's largest Bank, Hapoalim, was receotly sold for an authentic price, begs the questioo wby was Israel's largest insurer, Migdal, sold in a privetc, cloak-and-dagger manner, over which to this day a voil of silence remains," said one of the family members, Martio

He has lodged an official complaint with the Israel Bar · Despite promising to allow Association's othics committee Yad Vashem full eccess to concerning Ben-Porat's behav-Generali's archives, no such ior regarding the fund.

allow companies to simultaneous-ly benefit from Jordan's cheap

labor supply and Israel's free-trade

agreements with Europe and the US.

Barak raises phone rates

By JUDY STEGEL

DESCRIPTION

Year-long contract for the supply of technical advertisements

Overseas-calls provider Barak yesterday increased overseas dialing rates by 12 percent to all destinations - except the US and Canada, which will remain the same, and France, which will cost 98 agorot per minute instead of

The company, whose diating prefix is 013, is thus taking advantage of a stipulation in its license from the Communications Ministry which allows it to amend

Barak managing director Avi Patir said that even after the rate

changes, the company soll offers "the cheapest telecommunications basket" of any of the three compeong firms.

The ministry set rates for six years, allowing for the companies to implement rises when the Consumer Price Index increases more than 8.5% in a year.

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For this purpose, identical transformers are considered to be transformers with the same internal structure and with the same technical data as given in the tender specifications.

Bidders who do not have such test reports will be required to:

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Guarantee to perform, should they be awarded the contract, type and special tests (at their own expense) as required in paragraph 3.3 of Annexure B of the tender specifications, and to submit the reports (in English) of these type and special tests at least one month before shipment of the

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Japanese to study Dead Sea-Red Sea railway

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Nissho lwai, Japan's sixth largest corporation and the 13th biggest worldwide, will begin conducting feasibility studies for a railroad that would run from the Israeli side of the Dead Sea to the Red Sea via Iordan, Koichi Naito, general manager of the company's

Tel Aviv office, said yesterday. The line is part of the company's plan to support bilateral projects between Jordan and Israel, Naito

Unlike many Japanese companies, which have shied away from doing husiness in Israel since difficulties in the peace process erupted, Nissho lwai remains committed to promoting peace through economic cooperation,

said Naito. "My philosophy is to support the peace process through economic development and the creation of

jobs, he said.

"Our target is to be at the vanguard of supporting [regional] economies.

However, Naito said breakthroughs in talks between Israel and the Palestinians would speed the company's local growth. In terms of local employees, "we

than last, but if the peace process moved faster we could have been 10 times bigger," he said. Established last year, the company's Tel Aviv office employs six

are three times larger this year

people.
Worldwide Nissho lwai, which
had a turnover of \$89 billion in

1996, has some 37,000 employ-Last year, Nissho Iwai exported \$50m. in Israeli goods to Japan. The company's 1997 and 2000 targets are \$110m. and \$200m.

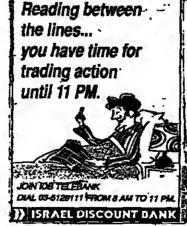
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Israeli stocks advanced after the cabinet approved the details of a NIS 2.3b. budget cut for 1998. The Maof Index of 25 stocks gained 2.21 percept to 300.74. The Mishtanim Index of 100 mosttraded stocks rose 2.05%, to

292.41. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of 20 stocks rose 2.17%, to 99.13. The budget decision shows investors "the government is in control of the budget, which

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oons," said Idan Azoulay, a fund manager at Impact Securioes. After the Knesset takes up the cuts, "the budget will probably be passed without any problem,

reduces inflationary expecta-

be said. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 135.6 million worth of shares traded. Four issues rose for every one that dropped.

Bank Hapoalim, which rose 3.75%, was the most active issue with NIS 11 m. shekels in transactions.

The proceeds from last week's sale of 43% of Hapoalim to the Ted Arison group will help the government repay its debts, reducing the need to sell additional bonds, said Asher Sela, portfolio manager at Etgar Ltd.

UK stocks fell amid concern share prices may have got ahead of potential profit growth after rallying for all but one of the past 12 months. Retail stocks posted some of the largest declines after the annual growth in consumer sales fell below 4% for the first time since March.

"We think the valuations are a bit stretched," said Nick Brind, a fund manager at Exeter Asset Management, with about £400 million invested in UK equides. We're a bit cautious; earnings might come below expectations. The FT-SE 100 Index fell 34.7

points, or 0.7%, to 4950.5, with larger, more liquid stocks leading the market lower. SmithKline Beecham Plc fell 8 pence to 549, Shell Transport &

Trading Co. declined 4.5p to 439 and British Petroleum Plc dropped 14 to 901.5. The broader FT-SE 250 fell less, sliding 9.1 points to 4677.0, while the FT-SE Smallcap Index rose 1.3 to 2279.6. The FT-SE 100 is up over 21% this year, though it's little changed over the past two months.

"We've been sellers of UK equity for the last couple of months," said Matthew Annable, manager director of equity stratat Barclays Global

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TASE rises after cuts approved

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Investors, with about £25b. under management. "The sbeer rise in stocks bas led to poor comparison values," with other investment options.

Moreover, this year's apprecia-tion of the pound is likely to squeeze earnings at exporters, further raising the comparative attraccion of bonds or foreign stocks, Annable said.

Asia

Japanese stocks traded mixed, with exporters falling as a weaker dollar threatened overseas earnings. Drugmakers and food companies gained as investors looked for shares with some immunity from swings in the exchange rate. Smaller brokerages declined folbe poor.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 62.11, or 0.33%, to 18,695.97. The broader Topix average of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange rose 0.61, or 0.04 to 1,441.21.

"The yen's gains hit high-tech stocks particularly hard," said Susumu Abe, a strategist at Mito Securities Co.

Sony Corp. fell 100 yen to 11,400. Magnetic tape maker TDK Corp. fell 40 yen to 9,950. Drugmaker Sankyo Co. rose 20 yen to 3,970. Takeda Chemical Industries Ltd. rose 40 yen to 3,510. Nissan Food Products Co. gained 80 yen to 2,770.

The dollar tumbled after US Deputy Treasury Secretary Larry Summers warned in a newspaper interview that Japan shouldn't use exports to boost its flagging economy.

A weaker dollar means Japanese exporters get less for their dollar earnings when they bring them back to Japan.

Investors bid up drug and food companies, which are less affected by swings in the yen and likely to benefit as the economy improves, traders said. Nippon Meat Packers Inc. gained 60 yen to 1,500. Key Coffee Inc. rose 60 yen to 1,100. Smaller brokerages, such as

Kankaku Securities Co., fell after the Nihon Keizai newspaper said eight of Japan's 10 medium-size brokerages will report pretax loss. es in the six months to September. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

NEW YORK (Reulers) - Slocks ended slightly higher yesterday, as new US-trade lensions cast a cloud over Wall Street, wrestling bonds and the dollar down and detracting from good news on large US productivity gains in the second quarter.

Based on early and unofficial

data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended up 16.73 points at 7,851.91 after giving back a gain of more than 60 points.

Small- and mid-sized stocks continued their winning streak, chalking up records as investors continued to seek growth in the smaller names.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 15-12 on active volume of 506 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange. The Nasdaq Composite index racked up its third straight record high, closing up 10.90 points at 1,656.25.

Among the big movers, Campbell Sonp Co. jumped 1-

Yen records biggest gain in a month

The dollar registered its biggest one-day drop against the yen in a month after a top Treasury official said Japan should bolster domestic demand, rather than exports, to revive its economy.

The dollar rose against the mark as a higher-than-expected rise in German joblessness deepeoed expectation that interest rates there will remain stable for oow.

In an interview in the Financial Times, Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said Japan must work toward "domestic demand-led growth" and "avoid the export-led growth that has been a hallmark of many past

The comments made people get

bearish on the dollar," said Ira Goldstein, a currency trader at Sakura Bank Ltd. They gave the perception that the US might begin to put more pressure on Japan,

The dollar tumbled to as low as 118.20 yen, from 121.15 yen on Mooday. The more than 2 percent drop was its biggest one-day decline since August 8. It rose as high as 1.8169 marks, from 1.8081 marks Monday.

The dollar's strength against the yen makes US exports more expensive and gives Japanese exporters a competitive edge. US officials have long admonished Japan to do more to stimulate domestic demand to lift itself from

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bring up the issue this month at a meeting of finance ministers from the Group of Seven industrialized nations. Last week Japan reported its

trade surplus for the first 20 days of August rose 263.3% from the year ago period. Also last week, US automakers repeated a charge thal Japan is not doing enough to encourage demand for Americanmade cars. Some currency traders are growing concerned that if the US trade deficit and Japan's trade surplus keep growing, some US officials might temper their longheld support for the dollar's strength.

Still, while the dollar's up 6.7%

Treasury secretary said be plans to against the yen from a sevenmonth low in June, it has fallen from a 4 1/2-year high of 127.50 ven it reached May 1.

The dollar gained against the mark in European trading as Germany reported the number of out-of-work Germans rose by 49,000 in August from July. Economists surveyed Bloomberg News were expecting a rise of 10,000.

The bigger-than-expected gain reinforced expectation that the Bundesbank won't boost lending rates any time sooo. Higher rates would make corporate borrowing more expensive and could discourage expansion and jobs creation.

Gold falls on expectations of central banks' sale

Precious metals

Gold fell amid expectations that central banks will continue to be net sellers of the precious metal and as other assets, such as equities, remain more attractive to investors.

The Australian central bank's decision to sell two-thirds of its gold reserves, which was announced two months ago, still concerns investors.

Dwindling coocem about the threat of accelerating inflation in the US and rising interest rates has prompted investors, including the world's ceotral banks, to shift money from gold to other competing assets, such as boods and

equities. Gold for immediate delivery fell as much as \$1.05 to \$320.90 an ounce.

Brent crude oil futures in London were little changed as traders expect the United Nacions sanctions committee to agree in a vote today to let Iraq sell an extra 30 million barrels on world markets later this year. The vote on UN Resolution 1111 allows \$2.14 billion worth of crude to be sold by the country over a total of 180 days, about \$500 million more than traders had expected. On London's International Petroleum Exchange Brent futures trade a limited 6-cent range, declining 1

cent to \$18.32 a barrel Coffee

Coffee futures fell as much as 3.4% in Loodon after the

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Indonesian government's meteorological department was reported as saying coffee-growing regions of the country will receive rain in September and October. The department said 35 percent of the country is due rain in September and October, with much-needed moisture arriving in the key coffee-growing region of southern

a report from Reuters. Robusta coffee for November delivery, the most active contract, fell as much as \$57 to \$1,590 a metric too on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange.

Others

Sugar prices fell in London amid expectations of a higher European Unioo crop. European Uoion sugar beet production this year is expected to be the highest in four years because of favorable grow-

ing conditions, sugar traders said. The sugar crop, to be harvested in October, will exceed the estimated production of 16.55 million tons, they said. White sugar for October delivery on the London International Financial Futures

and Options Exchange fell \$2.40

to \$321.50 a metric ton.

Zinc fell as analysts warned that a fall in stockpiles was more likely to be market manipulation than genuine demand from consumers. They said it is probably part of a struggle between Chinese smelters, who face large potential losses after selling zinc they didn't own earlier this year before prices surged by more than 60 percent.

and Western traders and funds. China has accused the funds of driving the zinc price up to artificially high levels by cornering supplies so that they can profit from the smelters' problems.

The zinc stockpile dropped 13,150 metric tons, or 2.9%, on Monday to 374,050 tons, its lowest since October 8, 1992, the London Metals Exchange said in yesterday's report. Three-month zinc on the LME fell \$11, to \$1,476 a metric ton. (Bloomberg)

US bonds fall after dollar declines

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US bonds declined as the dollar numbled against the yen, and as investors braced for sales of some \$14 billion of corporate and assetbacked debt this week.

"There's an enormous amount of supply coming," said Kevin McClintock, who helps oversee some \$5 billion at Dreyfus Corp. That's all going to weigh on the Treasury market.

Borrowers, including Venezuela, Argentina, and the Swiss Bank Corp., are lining up to sell debt. Wall Street firms arranging corporate bond sales often hedge against possible losses by selling government securities before corporate issues are sold.

The benchmark 30-year bond dropped 7/32, or \$2.19 per \$1,000

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bond, to 96 22/32, pushing its yield up 2 basis points to 6.63%. The two-year note's yield rose 2 basis points to 5.97%. Bonds were little moved by a

report showing US worker productivity rose at a faster rate in the second quarter than first reported. Instead, traders are focused on retail sales and producer price reports slated for release on Friday, which will provide more recent evidence about the economy's strength.

The market is now looking for what is happening in the third quarter, rather than the second," said Richard Gilhooly, a government bond strategist at Paribas Corp.

Traders sold bonds as the dollar

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remarks prompted speculation that the US will soften its support for a strong dollar. A falling dollar erodes the

returns foreign investors receive on Treasury securities when the proceeds are converted into their own currency. "The dollar's down quite a bit - that could put some pressure on the market," said William Lloyd, bond strategist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securioes Inc.

The Labor Department yesterday said productivity - a measure of ome and effort needed to produce goods and services - rose at a 2.7% annual rate in the second quarter, the largest increase since the fourth quarter of 1993. Analysts were expecting produc-

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just 1.5 percent in the first seven months of the year - is the ability of companies to boost productivity, Greenspan suggested. Slow inflation is good news for bond investors, because it means the securities will bold more of their value over time. It also suggests the ceotral bank may not bave to raise interest rates again to keep the economy from over-. beating. (Bloomberg).

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THE BUSINESS SCENE

Customers at the Sbikun Bavli branch of Four Square Co-Op found that standing in the checkout line was less tedious thanks. to the new check-out boy. Comedian Tuvia Tsafir (above) is a frequent customer in the. store and the star entertainer for the chain's upcoming 60th anniversary festivities, which were originally slated for this week at the Ramat Gan stadium. To prepare for his gig, Tsafir thought that he ought to find out what goes on in the store from the employees' perspective. The employees themselves were supposed to have a night off on Sunday so that all of them could enjoy the anniversary gala, in the company of Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, but tragic events in Jerusalem and Lebanon put the celebrations on bold till September 14.

Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine Sergei Tijeffoo, who is responsible. for his country's economic reforms, is scheduled to visit the international Plasto-Ispack exhibition which opens next week at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds.

(USA). Rothman, who will be responsible for ScanVec's. worldwide operations, was previously employed at ELTA Electronic Industries Inc., a subsidiary of Israel Aircraft
Industries, where he worked for representing Israel this week at a nine years in senior management positions. Most recently and business executives who are he held the position of director networking in Cyprus. The of ELTA's Communications meeting is taking place under

engineering. Harel has amassed diverse experience at ScanVec Co., a leading software developer for graphics-intensive industries, as well as in ScanVec Inc., serving in various sales, marketing and administrative capacities.

Giora Ben-Yosef has been appointed deputy marketing menager for Belle Femme importers" and marketers of cosmetics technologies. Until recently, Ben-Yosef headed the cosmetic division of Danscher Cosmetics. In his new position, he will be responsible for introducing new products to Israel through networking with cosmeticians

Ya acov Shaarey, 34, has been appointed chief security officer at the Dan Accadia Hotel He previously worked in various security positions for the Israel Electric Corporation, Another Dan Accadia appointment is that of Danny Bokovsky to the posi-tion of evening manager. Bokovsky has been mansferred from the Dan Kilar, where he was front-desk manager.

ScanVec's board of directors Aharon Resential is the new has appointed Shmuel marketing manager for Kiddies, Rothman as president and the chain which sells products for CEO of ScanVec Co., the partinuous, Rosential, who has been ent company, and Yoav Harel managing the chain's Aspect out. as president of ScanVec Inc. Let will commune in this post in addition to his new responsibilities.

Liora Bireniak-Marcus, who chairs the continuing generameeting of young entrepreneurs the aegis of the "Yes for member of the managing board.
Rothman, a graduate of the some 30,000 members working Haifa Technion, holds B.Sc. in a wide range of business cateand M.Sc. degrees in electrical gorles throughout Europe. Europe" organization, which has some 30,000 members working

The straits of Magellan

To keep up with the changing nature of the mutual-fund markets, Fidelity Investments has decided to close its flagship fund to new investment

mail, or at least smaller, is beautiful, according to Fidelity Investments, the world's largest fund manager. Its decision to close the Magellan Fund - its flagship mutual fund with assets of over \$60 billion - to new investment at the end of this month bas naturally attracted a great deal of attention.

This despite earlier decisions by both Pumam Investments and the Vanguard group - the two companies that recorded greater oet mutual-fund sales than Fidelity last year - to close popular funds to new investors, and decisions by some leading bedge-fund managers to return moneys to

Fidelity's move is part of a war between the leading fund groups for hegemony in an industry torn between a desire for optimum investment performance and the wish to maximize assets under management and hence fee income and profits. Some of the hedge-fund managers simply were tired of making money, deciding that there were other things in life. Others, though, clearly indicated that they were victims of their own success. Superior returns had attracted ever increasing inward flows of money. At a certain point, these managers felt they were simply mable to effectively manage the fuods they had attracted, somewhere in the region of a couple of billion dollars. They bad made their money by placing a smallish number of big bets on a

hence the superior returns.

That was fine with \$500 million under management, even a billion. But while the funds grew, the number of ideas did not. If anything, there was more and more money chasing the same number of opportunities. Inevitably returns fell.

Historically, lots of money in the mutual-fund industry used to be fairly immobile. But with the increased sophistication of performance monitoring and far greater accessibility of this information, even the most modest of retail investors are able to - and indeed do - ruthlessly switch between worse and better performing funds.

Magellan, for example, had been missing out because of this phenomenon. Man Beaudry of the Boston-based Financial Research Corporation was quoted in the Financial Times as saying that about 85 percent of all new investments go into funds with cither five- or four-star ratings from Morningstar, the most influential mutual fund research organization. Performance measurements particularly Morningstar's - are now so widely published that flows into the remainder of the industry are ocgligible, as

Magellan discovered. Another phenomenon that has hurt some of the higger funds and the groups that manage them has been the growth of "fund supermarkets." Using computer programs accessible by telephone or the Internet, investors can switch between thousands of different

and at any time.

Charles Schwab, the San Francisco-based discount broker, pioneered the idea, which numerous banks and funds, including

Fidelity, have followed. Schwab's supermarket has grown at a rate reminiscent of Magellan's early years: It had \$1.8b. in assets

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when it was launched in 1992. Now it has \$50b. Some analysts believe Fidelity's decision to close Magellan was part of an attempt to keep up with the times - to emphasize choice and flexibility through its own supermarket, rather than encourage investors to commit themselves to one big fund manag-

The supermarket pheoomenon has its critics, notably Jack Bogle, founder of Vanguard. He claims supermarkets encourage a "casino economy," because they make it too easy for investors to speculate. Vanguard has a supermarket of its own, but it requires investors to pay a transaction fee every time they switch funds, to encourage long-term investment.

Henry Kaufman, long-time chief economist of Salomon Brothers, who now runs bis own firm, has suggested that making selling so quick and easy could permit a "vicious cycle" when the next bear

usually got more right than wrong, funds, buying or selling, at no cost market starts, with mutual-fund investors redeeming their investment en masse, sucking money out of the market just when it needs it.

Magellan began its march to greatness in 1977 when the legendary Peter Lynch took over the management of the fund. Its assets then totaled \$18m. and even as the fund grew there were few constraints on Lynch's outstanding stockpicking skills. But most commentators agree that a juggernaut like Magellan could not go on delivering outperformance regardless of its size.

LAST WEEK, one of the country's leading accountants called me and asked me how he should invest some \$30,000 to provide most effectively for his (currently quite small) grandchildren's education. Until he read my column of two weeks ago, he had been planning to put half the money into mutual funds and half into provident funds. I groaned. Much of the public, even the informed public, still sees provident funds as attractive vehicles for long-term savings.

I have more than once written about the herd-like investment mentality of the provident funds and the likelihood that this arises from the fact that most providentfund managers are little more than glorified clerks with very little skill or experience in managing assets. But add on top of this the colossal size of the three funds (Otzma, Gadish and Tamar) that dominate the provident-fund sector relative to the public's financial assets, and in particular to the

free-floating stock available on the TASE, and it becomes clear that comparing them to juggemants is an extreme understatement.

Despite their relatively small size compared to Magellan, they are much larger when looked at in the perspective of the overall economies and markets in which they operate, and their ability to achieve superior returns, perhaps even decent ones, must be severely limited.

Switching out of provident funds has become easier over the last few years, but you might just as well say that it's easier to climb Everest than the Manerhorn. There are only certain times in the month in which you can do so, and it takes time to process. The bank clerks who process the forms usually try to discourage savers from leaving their funds. The fear that increased ability to switch between funds might have a destahilizing effect in a market downturn is a legitimate concern, but the current near monolithic structure of the savings market serves savers very poorly.

The reason I set up my portfolios was that I have a very low opinion of the quality of equitymarket money management in this country. I wanted to see how a disciplined amateur would do against the market and against the socalled professionals. So far so good, but the 15 or so months we have been going is much too short a yardstick. More than that, I wanted to offer people some kind of alternative - namely the ability, with a little guidance, to manage some of their own savings.

Thai package highlights IMF's Asia role

By CHRISTOPHER PIZZEY

few good ideas each year. They

SINGAPORE - The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) leading role in arranging the recent \$17 billion bail-out package for Thailand has highlighted its hitherto low profile presence in Asia, analysts say.

To be frank, the IMF hasn't really had to do too much in Asia because everything bas looked hunky-dory throughout most of the region," commented the chief economist at a European investment house in Singapore.

However, the sudden collapse of international investor confidence in Thailand in July meant the IMF had to rush to put together a rescue

package.
The IMF faced some criticism in

(a) occur and (b) blow out of proportion, but they can't do anything unless they're asked to. The criticism is unfair," said the economist. who asked not to be identified.

He said the IMF had been advising Thailand to aim for an easier baht/dollar exchange rate and to strengthen its shaky financial sector for some time prior to the currency crisis.
The Thais ignored them, that's

not the IMF's fault," be said. Under the bail-out plan, the IMF will loan Thailand a total of \$3.9b. and has set performance targets.

Every quarter there will be an IMF team reviewing the situation, discussing policies and checking performance criteria," Hubert Neiss, director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department, said in

Singapore recently.

Neiss, the architect of the bailout plan, added: "If the performance criteria are oot met ... right away, the next installment of IMF credit is suspended."

Analysts say the IMF criteria are almost certain to include the dismantling of Thailand's present two-tier currency trading system and will lead to a sharp increase in unemployment. "Short-term pain, long-term gain. Corny, but true in this case," the economist said.

Most Thais seem to agree with economists and analysts who say Thailand had to swallow its pride

in return for the IMF assistance. "This is not a question of pride, but rather an issue of economic survival. Although most Thais do not get involved in national poli-

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cies, we are aware of its necessity...," a young marketing executive at an international company in Bangkok told Reuters.

The economist said the IMF could be rightly proud of its achievements in Asia, especially with the Philippines.

"The Philippines was a basketcase when the IMF first got involved - we're talking over 30 years ago - and now the IMF is on the verge of pulling out, and the Philippines has improved dramatically," he said.

The Philippines hopes to end 34 years of International Monetary Fund supervision at the end of this year with the expected passage into law of a crucial tax-reform bill later this month.

It has had 22 programs with the

IMF. The last one, the Extended Fund Facility, had set out a series of reforms and economic targets to wean the country away from dependence on foreign loan assistance.

The reforms included the deregulation of the oil industry, the opening of the banking sector to foreign banks and the restructuring of taxes.

The Philippines recently drew about \$652m. under the existing IMF loan facility and another \$435m. from the IMF to beef up its currency reserves following the relentless attack on the peso caused by Thailand's financial woes.

Last week, after the Senate passed the bill on taxes, President Fidel Ramos said: "Hopefully, we get out of the IMF after so many years at the time that Thailand is entering again into the IMF...."

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England face Moldova after week of mourning

LONDON (Reuters) - England face nerves, having lost a bandful of key players. Moldova at Wembley today in what should be Former captains Alan Shearer, his regular a one-sided World Cup qualifier flooded with

mar the command

Goalkeeper David Seaman is promoted to captain to steer his country safely past their unfancied visitors and a key clash with Italy next month

Italy have 16 points, England 15, and the two meet in Rome for their final, decisive qualifier. If Italy drop points in Georgia today and Moldova lose, England will go top of Group

Moldova, beaten 3-0 at bome by England in the opening qualifer in the group a year ago, have no points and have only scored twice in five matches, with 13 goals egainst them. They will also have to contend with the emo-

tional aftermath to the death of Princess Diana, whose funeral in London on Saturday is fresh in the memory. "We're realists, all we want to do is play with dignity," Moldova coach Ivan Karas was quot-

ed as saying in the Daily Mail newspaper on Tuesday.
"But Wembley will be an additional problem for us following Princess Diana's tragic death. My players realize that for them it will be their only chance to play there. I am very much

afraid they will tremble at the emotion of it England have more serious problems than

attacking partner Teddy Sheringham, defenders Tony Adams and Smart Pearce are all injured. Paul Ince is suspended.

In addition, some who could have assumed to

European teams still in contention for World Cup finels benth: Group 1: 1st place and runners-up: Greece, Denmark, Croatia. Group 2: 1st place and runners-up: Italy,

Group 3: Aiready qualified: Norway runners-up: Finland, Hungary, Switzerland. Group 4: 1st place and runners-up: Scotland,

Group 5: 1st place and runners-up: Bulgaria, Group 6: 1st place and runners-up: Spain, Yugoslavia, Slovalda. Group 7: 1st place: Netherlands, Belgium. run-

ners-up: Belgium and Turkey.

Group 8: already qualified: Romania. runnersup: Ireland, Lithuania, Macedonia.

Group 9: 1st place and runners-up: Ukraina,
Germany, Portugal

be in the line-up may find themselves watch-

England manager Glenn Hoddle told reporters on Tuesday at an informal outdoor oews conference that several players with bookings might play less of a role to ensure their presence against Italy next month.

That match in Rome could well decide the group and which team qualifies automatically for France.

Manchester United midfielder David Beckham, Graeme Le Saux, David Batty who has in any case been carrying a foot injury and Robert Lee are all booked and in danger of suspension.

Hoddle may decide to leave them on the bench or substitute them early in a match that should not overly trouble the far superior home

"I would say that they have to be aware that they'd be foolish to get booked for backchatting a referee or something stupid," said

"If there's a tackle to be made and it's mistimed, that's life, you can't do anything about that. They need to be aware that if they're going to be booked for something stupid, they're going to miss out on what could be, if we get the points on Wednesday, a massive game for the country," said Hoddle.

The Wembley game, while unlikely to be oo that scale in sporting terms, will be a 75,000 selloot and is expected to see a massive outpouring of emotion.

Elton John's tribute song to Diana, Candle in the Wind; may be played and players will be wearing either a black ribbon or an armband. They have also decided to donate their match



Air Jordan flies solo

Redknapp said. West Ham teenage defender Rio Ferdinand was last week dropped about to become head of his own line of athletic shoes and clothing enterprise - to be called Brand

Jordan - with the full support of Nike Inc. It's the first time a team sports player bas entered into a solo venture on such a sweeping scale.

"It's a stage in my career and in my life where I want to take control of things instead of letting someone else do it," Jordan said.

The NBA superstar has long belped sell Nike's lucrative Air Jordan line, which will fall under the new Brand Jordan division.

It will continue to feature the Jumpman logo, a silhouetic of Jordan dunking.

Jordan won't invest money in the new spinoff division, and Nike refuses to discuss bls contract, but he

The Jordan brand is expected to generate more than \$250 million in gross revenues during fiscal years

The most expensive shoe sold by the new Nike division will be the \$150 Air Jordan, a totally different looking sneaker with a 3-D hologram on the heel and high-tecb quilting on the sides.

Jordan has been heavily involved in pulling together the first Jordan brand collection, which debuts in November, and could oltimately become its chief executive officer when he retires from the basketball court.

"Once I'm done (playing). I think I can cootribute more time," Jordan said. "It doesn't have to be a 9-

Inter learn cost of 'Dear Ronaldo'

ZURICH (AP) - Inter Milan will have to pay Barcelona an extra \$1.8 million for Brazilian football superstar Ronaldo, the world soccer goveming body FIFA said yesterday.

Named as FIFA's Player of the Year in January, Ronaldo was already the world's most expensive soccer player. The decision raises to about \$28m the amount paid Barcelona for the release. This is in addition to Inter Milan's signing bonus to Ronaldo of \$14m and an annual salary of \$3m. FIFA rejected the Italian club's appeal against having to pay more than the 4 billion pesetas (about \$26m) already given Barcelona for releasing

Ronaldo from his eight-year contract. FIFA, which takes into account a player's age, salary, potential future career and international status in calculating transfer fees, stepped in after the two clubs failed to reach an agreement on their own. The panel said its decision is final.

After transferring to Barcelona before last season, Ronaldo led the Spanish league in scoring with 34 goals, nine more than his closest rival.

Beerless in W. Ham

Ham manager Harry Redknapp has called time on beer-drinking players at the English premier

Pootballers in this country now are very highly paid," he said after stating West Ham had banned alcohol from their players' bar.
"We used to look at the Italians

and think that was the place to be and that they were dedicated and didn't drink. I think we've got to go down the same road. Suddenly the players in this country are earning mega-money. They've got to dedicate eight, 10 or 12 years of their lives to being superfit ath-

LONDON (Renters) - West letes and superfit fontballers,"

from the England team to play Moldova in a World Cup qualifier today for a drink-driving offense. West Ham famously once lost a match after four senior players were seen drinking in a nightclub

on the eve of a game. It happened in January 1971 when West Ham crashed 4-0 to Blackpool in an FA Cup match. Four players, including England captain Bobby Moore, were punished by the club as a result of the

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Home to Fenway

Carlton Fisk inducted into Red Sox Hall of Fame

BOSTON (AP) - Carlton Fisk had a great career for two teams before leaving both of them on bad terms. As they honor him this week, though. Fisk is starting to put the negative feelings behind

"I'd like to hope that I could move on. It's very difficult someomes," he said Monday before he was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame. "I guess if you realize that the situation bappens not iust in your career, but in other people's careers, you can come to

Fisk, who had not been in a major league ballpark since he was released by the White Sox during the '93 season, was set to attend Boston's game against the Yankees last night. On Sunday, he will return to Comiskey Park for the first time wheo Chicago retires his No. 72.

"Both teams are recognizing a lifeome of dedication to the game," Fisk said. "(But) I didn't just wait around the last four years for this. I really didn't need to have a lifetime achievement award."

Fisk said it's too soon to decide what hat he will wear on his plaque should he be elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He isn't eligible for induction at Cooperstown until 1999. But he said everything from his career will be taken into account

The fact that he played more games in Chicago and set the record for games caught there; the fact that he came up through the Red Sox system; and the fact that his greatest moment — one of the greatest moments in baseball, really — took place in a Bostoo uniform.

"Make no mistake about it, I have thought about it," he said, "but

the decision hasn't been made in my mind. The 1972 AL Rookie of the Year, Fisk played with the Red Sox unol 1980, when then-GM Haywood Sullivan missed a deadline to mail Fisk a contract, and he was declared a free agent. An embittered Fisk signed with Chicago and played there until the White Sox released bim in 1993, again with hard feelings on both sides.

Except for a Red Sox rookie league game in Sarasota, Florida, Fisk has not been in a ballpark since. He tried to visit his former White Sox teammates during the 1993 playoffs, but was oot allowed into

Comiskey Park. "I was crushed," he said, "absolutely crushed."
Fisk, 49, hit 376 career home runs – a record 351 as a catcher – and caught more games (2,226) than anyone else, ever. He was only the third catcher to hit at least 300 home runs, score 1,000 runs and drive in 1,000 runs; the others were Yogi Berra and Johnny Bench, both Hall

But Fisk will always be remembered for his arm-waving, World Series-saving home run in the 12th inning of Boston's Game 6 victory over the Cincinnati Reds in 1975. Although the Red Sox lost Game 7, Fisk became a hero throughout New England and the video remains one of the sport's lasting images.

"Everybody here still considers him a Red Sox player," said former general manager and Red Sox Hall of Fame organizer Lou Gorman, noting that Fisk will also receive a special "Great Moment" honor for his World Series homer.

The Red Sox dinner also honored Dick O'Connell, Mel Parnell. Rico Petrocelli, Dick Radatz and Luis Tiant. The local shrine requires a three-year wait after a player is retired, and Fisk was unanimously approved by the 15-person media selection committee.

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BATTING—FThomas, Chicago, 356; Justice, Cleveland, .337; BeWilliams, New
York, .332; EMartinez, Seattle, .331; Ramirez, Cleveland, .330; SAlomar,
Cleveland, .326; WCtark Texas, .326,
RUNS—Grifley Jr, Seattle, .112; Garciaparra, Boston, .111; Knoblauch,
Minnesota, 107; Jeter, New York, 105; BLHunter, Detroit, 100; FThomas, Chicago,
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HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr, Seattle, 50; TMartinez, New York, 41; Thome, Cleveland, 37; JuGonzalez, Texas, 34; McGwire, Oakland, 34; FThomas, Chicago, 33; Buhner, Seattle, 33; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 33.
STOLEN BASES—BLHunter, Datrolt, 66; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 56; Nixon, Toronto, 47; TGoodwin, Taxas, 44; Vizquel, Cleveland, 40; Durham, Chicago, 31; ARodriguez, Seattle, 29.
PTTCHING (18 Decisions)—RaJohnson, Seattle, 17-4, .810, 2.32; Clemens, Toronto, 21-5, .808, 1.85; Moyer, Seattle, 15-4, .789, 3.94; Erickson, Baltimore, 16-5, .762, 3.30; Blair, Detroit, 16-6, .727, 3.96; Hershiser, Cleveland, 13-5, .722, 4.42; Patitite, New York, 16-7, .696, 2.98.
STRIKEOUTS—RaJohnson, Seattle, 264; Clemens, Toronto, 258; Cone, New York, 215; Mussina, Baltimore, 197; Fassero, Seattle, 169; Appler, Kansas City, 168; CFinley, Anahelm, 155.
SAVES—RaMyers, Baltimore, 41; MRIvera, New York, 40; DoJones, Milwaukee, 32; Wenteland, Texas, 28; ToJones, Detroit, 27; RHermandez, Chicago, 27; Percival, Anahelm, 23; Aguilera, Minnesota, 23.
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BATTING—LWalker, Colorado, 375; Gwynn, San Diego, .369; Piazza, Los Angeles, 336; Lofton, Atlanta, .348; Joynar, San Diego, .369; Piazza, Los Angeles, 336; Lofton, Atlanta, .348; Joynar, San Diego, .339; Alfonzo, New York, .325; MaGrace, Chicago, 323.
RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 129; Blggio, Houston, 115; Galarraga, Colorado, 106; Bonds, San Francisco, 102; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 99; Bagwell, Houston, 95; Piazza, Los Angeles, 91.
RBI—Galarraga, Colorado, 126; Bagwell, Houston, 176; LWalker, Colorado, 113; Gwynn, San Diego, 110; Sosa, Chicago, 109; ChJones, Atlanta, 107; Kent, San Francisco, 107; Alou, Florida, 107.
HTS—Gwynn, San Diego, 197; LWalker, Colorado, 18; Bagwell, Houston, 38; Galarraga, Colorado, 36; Piazza, Los Angeles, 33; Sosa, Chicago, 32; Bonds,

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HOME RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 42; Castilla, Colorado, 38; Bagwell, Houston, 38; Galarraga, Colorado, 38; Piazza, Los Angeles, 33; Sosa, Chicago, 32; Bonds,

San Francisco, 32.

STOLEN BASES—DSanders, Cincinnati, 56; Wormack, Pittsburgh, 51; DeShields, St. Louis, 46; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 42; Blggio, Houston, 38; Overas, San Diego, 31; LWalkar, Coloredo, 31.

PITCHING (16 Decisions)—Neagle, Atlanta, 20-3, 870, 2.62; Estes, San Francisco, 18-4, 816, 3.07; GMaddux, Atlanta, 18-4, 818, 2.31; Kile, Houston, 17-6, 739, 2.42; PJMartinez, Montreal, 16-7, 696, 1.78; Juden, Montreal, 11-5, 687, 4.22; Park, Los Angeles, 13-6, 684, 3.31.

STRIKEOUTS—Schilling, Philadelphia, 290; PJMartinez, Montreal, 266; Smoltz, Atlanta, 208; Nomo, Los Angeles, 207; KJBrown, Florida, 189; Kile, Houston, 184; AnBenes, St. Louis, 175.

AnBenes, St. Louis, 175. SAVES—Beck, San Francisco, 35; JoFranco, New York, 35; ToWorrell, Los Angeles, 34; Hoffman, San Diego, 33; Shaw, Cincinnati, 33; Eckersley, St. Louis, 33; Nen. Florida, 32; Wohlers, Atlanta, 32.

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11-10. HRs—Texas, I.Rodriguez (16),
Delroit, Easley (20).

Baltimore 010 000 000—1 8 0 Cleveland 000 001 10x—2 10 0 Kamreniecki, Mills (7), Orosco (7), Te.Malhews (8) and Holles; Hershiser, Assenmacher (7). M.Jackson (8). Morman (8). Mesa (9) and Borders. W—Assenmacher 5-0. L—Mills 2-2. Sv—Mesa (13). HR—Baltimore, Baines (15).

Oakland 101 000 000—2 5 0 Minnesota 210 310 00x—7 15 1 Telgheder, Kubinski (4), Mohler (7), A.Small (6) and Molina; Serafini and D.Miller, W—Serafini 1-0, L—Telgheder 2-5. HRs—Oakland, Spiezio (12), Minnesota, Brede (2), Stahoviak (10).

Seattle 100 001 000—2 6 0 Kansas City 304 000 02x—9 5 0 Olivares. B.Weils (3). Spoljaric (6). Chariton (7) and Da.Witson; Pittsley, Hancy (6). J.Montgomery (9) and Macfarlana. W—Pittsley 4-7. L—Olivares 6-10. HRs—Kansas City, CDavis (29). JKing (22). R.D.Myers (1).

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W—Plesac 1-3. L—James 4-5. Sv—

Escobar (12), HRs—Anaheim, Erstad 2 (18), Salmon (30).

NATIONAL LEAGUE Chicago 000 002 132—8 13 0 Cincinnati 000 001 000—1 3 1 M.Clark and Servais; Tomko, G.White (7), Sullivan (7), Fe.Rodriguez (8), Winchester (9) and J.Oliver. W—M.Clark 12-7. L—Tomko 10-6. HR—Cincinnati Numativ (9) Cincinnati, Nunnally (9).

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Florida 401 000 003—8 9 2 Los Angeles 001 200 010—4 14 0 K.J.Brown, Cook (8), Powell (8), Nen (9) and C.Johnson: Nomo, D.Reyes (5), Harkey (6), Guthrie (9) and Disser-(9) Harkey (6), Guthrie (9) and Piazza. W.-K.J.Brown 13-8. L.-Nomo 13-11. HRs.-Florida, Sheffield (16), Daulton (13), Conine (14), Alou (20).

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Cubs' Clark hurls 2nd-straight complete game as Reds bow

CINCINNATI (AP) - Mark Clark became the first Chicago Cubs pitcher in six years to throw back-to-back complete games, pitching a three-hitter Mooday night in an 8-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Clark (12-7) is the first Cubs pitcher to throw consecutive complete games since Greg Maddux went the distance October 2-6, 1991. Last Tuesday against Minnesota, Clark pitched a complete-game 9-3 victory.

The right-hander is 4-0 with a 2.84 ERA in six starts since coming to the Cubs in a six-player trade with the New York Mets on August 11. He lost bis shutout when Jon Nunnally homered in

Jose Hernandez tripled home a run as part of a three-run eighth, and also doubled bome a run in the ninth for the Cubs, 5-1 in their last six. Brett Tomko (10-6) took the

Phillies 13, Mets 4
Pioch-bitter Kevin Jordan
capped a 15-pitch at-bat in the sixth inning with a two-run double and rookie Scott Rolen drove in three runs as visiting Philadelphia won in a rout.

Philadelphia's third straight win and seventh io eight games improved the Phillies to 33-22 since the All-Star break. Rolen reached base five times, scored four ruos and hit his 18th homer.

Mike Grace (3-0) allowed four runs and four hits in five innings to win his third start this season. Jason Isringhausen (2-1) took the loss.

John Olerud hit a two-run homer and Todd Hundley added his 30th homer for New York. Hundley, who set a major league record for home runs by a catcher last year with 41, is the first Met to have consecutive 30-homer seasons since Darryl Strawberry in 1987-

Marlins 8, Dodgers 4 Moises Alou and Jeff Conine hit three-run shots and Florida scored all its runs on homers as visiting Florida avoided a four-game

Gary Sheffield and Darren Daulton also homered for the Marlins, who moved within 41/3 games of Atlanta in the NL East. Los Angeles' West lead over San

Francisco dwindled to 11/2 games. Kevin Brown (13-8] allowed 10 hits in seven innings for the victory, while Florida got to Hideo Nomo (13-11) for five runs in the AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians 2, Orioles 1 Omar Vizquel's two-out single in the bottom of the seventh drove in Pat Borders with the go-ahead run as Cleveland won its ninth victory in 11 games.

Borders lined a one-out double off the wall in right against Alan Mills (2-2). Marquis Grissom



TWO-BAGGER - Indians' Jim Thome slides into second with a sixth-inning double. Orioles 2B Jeff Reboulet makes late tag.

struck out and Vizquel stroked a single that scored Borders easily, even though he stumbled around

Paul Assenmacber (5-0) struck out Brady Anderson oo three pitches with two on to end the seventh. He combined with Mike Jackson and Alvin Morman on a scoreless eighth. Jose Mesa pitched the ninth for his 13th save. Cleveland's Matt Williams extended his career-high hitting

the eighth, Harold Baines homered for Baltimore Tigers 6, Rangers 2 Damion Easley's two-run homer powered Willie Blair to his 16th

streak to 24 games with a single in

victory as host Detroit handed Texas its fourth straight loss. Ivan Rodriguez hit a two-ruo homer for the Rangers, who have

dropped 14 of 22 overall and are 10-3 in their last 13 road games. Blair (16-6) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings. to fall to 1-6 in his last 11 starts. Easley was 3-for-3 with three RBIs. His 20th homer made him

just the fourth Tiger with at least 20 home runs and 20 stolen bases in a season. Kirk Gibson did it three times, Alan Trammell twice and Chad Curtis once.

Royals 9, Mariners 2

homers from matching Roger Maris' major league record of 61. failed to go deep as Kansas City won at home.

Griffey, who homered four times during a four-game series at Minnesota to become the 15th man to hit 50, reached base his first three plate appearances with a walk, a single and a hit-by-pitch.

Kansas City's Chili Davis hit a three-run homer off Omar Olivares (6-10) to match a career high with 29. Jeff King also hit a three-run bome run and Rod Myers added a solo shot as the Royals snapped a three-game losing streak.

Blue Jays 12, Angels 10 Joe Carter had five RBIs and scored the go-ahead run on Gary DiSarcina's error in a four-ruo eighth as Toronto won at home.

Rich Delucia walked the bases loaded with one out, and Carter followed with a two-run single off Mike James (4-5). Carlos Delgado added a run-scoring single, and Carter was struck in the back by DiSarcina's throw.

Dan Plesac (1-3) pitched % inning for the victory, and Kelvin Escobar pitched the nioth for his

Darin Erstad hit two home runs and drove in a career-high five runs, and Tim Salmoo added his Seattle star Ken Griffey Jr., 11 30th home run for Anaheim.

Twins 7, Athletics 2 Rookie Brent Brede went 4-for-5 with his second career home run and Dan Serafini pitched a fivehitter for his first victory in the major leagues as Minnesota woo

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Grbac's last-second TD gives Chiefs win over Raiders

OAKLAND (AP) - Elvis Grbac couldn't past nine meetings. believe he got the pass off in time. Then he couldn't believe what happened when he did. Andre Rison beat double coverage and caught a 33-yard touchdown pass from Grbac with three seconds remaining, completing an improbable last-minute drive that gave the Kansas City Chiefs a 28-27 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Monday night.

"It was a good catch and a great throw,"
Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "We left a lot of big plays out on the field, but we got the one we had to get."

The finish provided yet another twist in a bitter rivalry that has been both dramatic and one-sided in recent years, with the Chiefs beading the Raiders in eight of the

So deflating was the defeat to the Raiders (0-2) that coach Joe Bugel refused to come out to address reporters after the game. The team also kept the locker room closed, denying access to Raiders players.

Trailing 27-22, the Chiefs (1-1) got the ball at their own 20 following a punt with 61 seconds left in the game. Groac got the drive going with a 21-yard completion to Lake Dawson and followed that with a 27yard completion to Brett Perriman.

With 11 seconds remaining on the clock and the Chiefs out of omeouts, Rison ran an up-and-out pattern, getting behind cornerback Terry McDaniel and safety Eric Turner in the process.

Grbac hit Rison io stride for the winning intercepted twice late in the game, and one outhdown, triggering an end-zone celetouchdown, triggering an end-zone celebration by the Chiefs, who bugged and

He made a second move and I was in shock. I just tried to get the ball up as soon as I could. Andre had a step on him."

Jeff George, making his home debut for

mobbed Rison. "Andre made a great move," Grbac said.

'I couldn't believe the safety sat down on it.

Said Rison: "That was a great throw by Elvis. The offensive line gave him great ome. All the credit goes to the offensive line and

the Raiders, had third-quarter scoring passes of 37 and 16 yards to Rickey Dudley as Oakland built a 27-13 lead. But George was

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That pulled the Chiefs to 27-22. Oakland

prevented the Chiefs' offense from moving

effectively after that - until the final drive. "This is a starting point for us," said Grbac, who joined Kansas City as a free agent after foor years with the San

Francisco 49ers as a backup to Steve Young.

"It shows the character of the team. We can

be better. You look at a game like this and-

The Chiefs almost blew it by three fumbles,

two by kickoff returner Tamarick Vanover

and one by Marcus Allen, a former Raiders

great playing his last regular-season game.

down by Darren Anderson.

you can grow from it."

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SMOTHERED - KC's Andre Rison (light jersey) is tackled by Oakland defenders after hauling in a 16-yard pass from QB Elvis Grbac in second-quarter action.

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Grand Slam season NEW YORK (Reuters) - It was a brand new US Open this year at Flushing Meadows, an Open with a new vitality, a new stadium, new champions and a new rivalry bringing down the curtain on the 1997 Grand Slam season. Arthur Ashe Stadium, the jewel at the heart of a \$252 million makeover of the Grand Slam venue the players had loved to hate, was fittingly christened. Its first singles championship fea-

tured an unseeded outsider who was the first black American player to fight for the US otle in 39 Venus Williams was a loser against women's No. 1 Martina Hingis on Sunday but tennis was a

The 17-year-old with the beaded braids, who had never advanced past the quarters in 18 pro tournaments, justified years of bype and

gave the game a taste of the lift Tiger Woods bas given golf.
She also might have provided the 16-year-old Hingis, a spectacular 62-2 this season, with a wor-

thy long term rival. Venus ascending was a star gazer's delight in a frenetic fortnight that saw other fresh faces capture the spotlight.

Australian Patrick Rafter rose from his 13th seeding all the way to the men's title, taken in a pulsating serve-and-volley duel unseeded Briton Greg

Rafter, with his dark good looks and dashing personality, became a big favorite of the female spectators during his charge to Grand



New look characterizes '97

Slam glory that included a semifinals upset of second seed Michael Chang that put him in his first major final.

But Rafter, 24, never lost his perspective, even after adding his name to Australia's Grand Slam champions list that includes the likes of Laver, Newcombe and

"I'll still be the same sack of crap I am," Rafter predicted about life after winning the Open.

Rusedski made it a Grand Slam sweep into the finals for the unseeded in this year's majors, following the lead of Carlos Moya of Spain (Australia Open), Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten (French Open winner) and Cedric Pioline (Wimbledon).

Rusedski, after setting a record

for fastest serve in his four-set loss to Rafter, said the depth in men's tennis had thrown the major championships wide open.

"Anybody think Kuerten was going to win the French Open this year, ranked 66 in the world?" asked Rusedski, ranked 20th before the Open and 11th after. Rafter moved from 14 all the way to No. 3.
"I think one through 20, any one of those 20 players can win on any

Proof of that came in the fourth round when 15th seed Petr Korda of the Czech Republic sent twotime defender Pete Sampras, the

world No. 1, packing.

The figure missed most by many was three-time Wimbledon and former US and Australian Open champion Boris Becker.

The charismatic Becker, 29, was expected to stage a farewell to Grand Slam tennis with bis appearance here but instead pulled out just before the tournament after the death of his adviser and friend Axel Meyer-Woelden.

On the women's side, Hingis bristled at a suggestion that her achievement in becoming just the sixth woman - and youngest - to win at least three Grand Slam events in a season was diminished by the absence of the injured Steffi

"It's not my mistake she's not playing here," Hingis said after adding her first US Open title to Australian and Wimbledon crowns won this season. Only a defeat to Iva Majoli in the French Open blocked Hingis from a Grand Slam sweep.



NEW RIVALRY - US Open champion Martina Hingis, 16, and runnerup Venus Williams, 17.

Ballroom dancing recognized by IOC

LONDON (AP) - Ballroom dancing, rugby and surfing have cleared another hurdle in their bid to become Olympic sports. But they'll have to compete with two dozen other sports

seeking inclusion in the games. The federations representing the three sports have received formal recognition from the International Olympic Committee, IOC sports director

Gilbert Felli said yesterday. The recognition was upgraded to permanent status during the IOC session last weekend in Lausanne, Switzerland, Felli said.

Felli stressed the recognition does not guarantee the sports will be included on the Olypmic program. Dancing, rugby and surfing join a list of two dozen other sports that have already received IOC recognition.

Other recognized sports include acrobatics, mnuntain include acrobatics, mnuntain climbing, billiards, golf, karate, korfball, netball, orienteering, roller skating, basque pelota, polo, bowling, racquetball, water skiing and squash.

The idea of ballroom dancing

in the Olympics has been sneered at by some purists. But it has a large following and the IOC considers it n legitimate sport, comparable to ice danc-

ing in the winter games.
"We know that it involves a lot of physical activity," Felli said.

How Israel fared

Eval Ran defeated Consists Pozzi Italy, 6-3, 6-3.

Under-21 soccer side's hopes shaken

By OR! LEWIS

The Israel under-21 soccer side's hopes of reaching the quarter-final stage of the European championships took a serious Sofia, the Bulgarians went ahead lose the gap on group leaders Israel to just one

The Israelis, who were unbeaten in qualifying Group 5 until their 3-I loss to Bulgaria in Sofia last month, looked to be coasting to the next stage of the competition, and were hoping for a draw between last night's two protagonists in order to keep their hopes

The Israelis are lame ducks, as they have completed their fixture program, while Russia and Bulgaria have two more matches to play. After last night's result, Russia, who along with Israel are the only side who can qualify from

the group, trail Israel by one point. There is one more match remaining between the same two sides, to be played in Moscow on

attack. He was 70.

Only the group winners can qualify.

Some 15,000 spectators turned out for last night's match in knock yesterday when Russia beat in the seventh minute through Georgi Ivanov, but second-half strikes from Andrei Solomatin (53) and Aleksei Baharev (85) saw the visitors grab all three

Betar fined

In other international soccer news concerning Israel yesterday, Betar Jerusalem were fined 2,500 Swiss francs by UEFA because racist chants were hurled by some of their supporters during the match with Sporting Lisbon at Teddy Stadium last month.

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Maple Leaf Gardens employee pleads guilty to sex assaults

Richie Ashburn at 70

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Former Philadelphia Phillies center fielder

Ashbum broadcasted the Phillies' game against the New York Mets

Ashburn, a leading catalyst for the Phillies' 1950, pennant-winning "Whiz Kids" finished his career with the Mets in their first season, 1962,

He won the batting title in 1955 with a .338 average and again in 1958,

One of the great leadoff hitters of all-time, Ashburn led the National League in walks and runs scored four times, and hits and triples three times.

A defensive wizard, Ashbum tied a major-league record by leading

National League outfielders in putouts nine times. The six-time All-Star also hit over .300 nine omes in his 15-year career.

The native of Tilden, Nebraska, began his career with the Phillies in 1948, winning Rookie of the Year with a .333 average, and played there

until a trade to the Chicago Cubs after the 1959 season. After two years

In 2,189 games, he had 2,574 hits and a .308 batting average, earning

and joined the Phillies as a broadcaster the following season.

with a .350 mark. Ashburn also finished second three times.

with the Cubs, he went to the expansion Mets.

election into the Hall-of-Fame in 1995.

Monday night and died in bis room at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New

and Hall-of-Famer Richie Ashburn died yesterday of an apparent heart

TORONTO (AP) - A former equipment manager at Maple Leaf Gardens pleaded guilty Monday to sexually assaulting boys whom he enticed with hockey tickets and

other favors. Gordon Stuckless, 47, faced 22 indecent assault charges and two counts of sexual assault. He is to be sentenced next month.

In court, Stuckless admitted to luring boys to Maple Leaf Gardens by promising free admission to Maple Leafs games, wrestling matches and concerts. He said he abused 24 boys between the ages of 11 and 15 from 1969 to 1988.

Other assaults took place in the offices and locker room of a public school where he was an assistant gym teacher.

The scandal followed another sex abuse scandal in Canada last year. Graham James, a successful hockey coach in the country's top junior league, was sentenced to prison after admitting he sexually abused some of his players over a period of years, including former Boston Bruin forward Sheldon Kennedy.

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Jubilee tour for Kibbutz Dance Company

The Kibbutz Dance Company will go to Brazil, Argentina, and Chile later this mouth oo the first leg of an Israel Juhilee world tour. KDC will perform artistic director Rami Be'er's Aide Memoire within the framework of dance and theater festivals. The tour begins on September 22. The company will also go to France, the US and Canada.

World premiere at the Haifa Film Festival

Nana, a documentary directed by Suheir Ismail (Palestinian), Ruti Gadish (Israel), Alison King (UK) and Fahienne Bouville (France) will have its world premiere at the 1997 Haifa Film Festival (October 16-21). It is an interweaving of the directors' relationships with their grandmothers into a tapestry of stories told within changing historical and cultural contexts and contrasts. It is sponsored by the European Union's Med Media project which seeks to augment Middle East film cooperation. The festival will show more than 100 films from around the world in 160 screenings. Prizes will total NIS 150,000.

CNN's Larry King has impromptu wedding

Popular TV talk-show host Larry King was married in a sur-prise sunrise ceremony in a California hospital after his starstudded formal wedding was canceled due to health problems, said close friend millionaire Norm Patriz.

King, 63, married fiancée Shawn Southwick, 37, at the University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center after learning he would need a minor heart operation. A spokeswoman for CNN said doctors expected King to make a full

It was his seventh wedding, according to Patriz, whose Beverly Hills mansion was to have been the venue for the wedding. The twice-divorced bride is the co-inventor with Priscilla Presley (Elvis Presley's ex-wife) of Luxurious Hair, clip-on hair extensions. Among the people told that the formal ceremony was off were Time Warner vice-chairman Ted Turner, who was to have been best man, and Academy Award-winning actor Al Pacino, who was to have read poetry.

Southwick and King met through a date organized hy King's daughter just months after King vowed never to get married again. His proclivity for getting married has become the talk of talk shows, with jokes about his being married so often that he

Grammy Awards remain in NYC in 1998

The Grammy Awards will he held in New York City in 1998 for the second straight year - a victory for the Big Apple over Los Angeles in the annual rivalry to host the show.

The more intimate Radio City Music Hall, capacity 6,000, will be the site for the February 25 awards. This year's awards were presented at 20,000-seat Madison Square Garden. Since 1978, the show has been beld at LA's 6,300-seat Shrine Auditorium or in New York.

"We love New York," said Barry Gibb of the Bee Gees, who attended the ceremooy with brothers Rohin and Maurice. A host has not yet been selected for the 1998 show, which will be broadcast by CBS. (AP)

Art films pervade Venice Film Festival

A Japanese film of life, death and violence won the coveted Golden Lion award for best picture at the recent Venice film festival. New Zealand-born director Jane Campion, who chaired the jury, announced the choice of Hana-Bi, by Takeshi Kitano. The Japanese word hanabi means "fireworks," but Kitano

used a hyphen to symbolize the film's themes: hana which means "flower," as the symbol of life, and bi, which means

"gunfire," representing death.
"I did not expect this film to do so well in the West," said Kitano. "The film is about the traditional Japanese spirit, which is dying out." Hana-bi, beautifully shot, with very little dialogue, tells the story of a detective, Nishi, played hy Kitano himself. "My film has been regarded as a violent film. But rather than trying to depict violence in a strong and direct way. I tried to depict it in an abstract, indirect way," said Kitano. Some of the inspiration for the film came after Kitano narrowly escaped death in a car crash a few years ago.

In other categories, the jury awarded the best-actor prize to Wesley Snipes in One Night Stand, the latest film by Leaving Las Vegas director Mike Figgis.

Best actress went to Robin Tunney in the independent US

movie Niagara, Niagara hy Bob Gosse. A special award was given to Italian film Ovosodo ("Hardboiled Egg") hy upcoming Italian director Paolo Virzi, for its

"strength, profundity and humor." This year's Venice film festival, in which 18 films competed. shunned hig studio releases in favor of arty, independent

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movies. Festival director Felice Laudadio said be wanted to focus on the films, not the "star system."

By SHAI TSUR

Probably no phrase sums up the influence of American popular culture oo local society better than "the MTV gencration." Whether used as a pejorative wheo complaining about the supposed decline of morals or as a sign that we have finally joined the rest of the world, MTV is a powerful expression of our

Among the satellite offerings available on local cable - CNN, Star and the other non-Hehrewspeaking channels - MTV comes in second in popularity only to the Russian stations.

According to surveys funded by the regional cable systems, how-ever, the appeal of MTV seems limited to viewers in their mid-20s and younger. The channel's heavy mix of rap, techno, and heavy metal, along with its frenetic style and non-music programming, appears to alienate older music fans who don't know their Ice Cube from their Ice T.

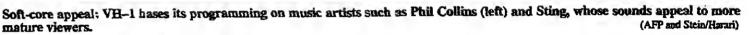
Working on this theory, the cahle systems have decided to introduce VH-I, MTV's sister station. Geared toward older audiences, it will debut in Israel on September 15.

We believe that music is an essential part of any cable package," explained Yossi Duer, general manager of the Tevel cable system, at a recent press conference. Duer, who helped spearhead VH-I's arrival here, said he believes the channel will provide a perfect complement to music fans "for whom MTV has become too young." The new station will replace the South Asia-oriented Channel V, which is MTV's only local competitor.

Viacom, MTV's parent company, launched VH-1 in the US in the early 1980s to provide an outlet for music videos by artists who appealed to a viewing audience outside of MTV's 16-to-25year-old demographic group. Along with showing contemporary videos, VH-1 developed into a mainstay for music clips from the 1960s and 1970s, thus feeding the Baby Boomer nostalgia craze and growing strong as a result.

The channel debuted in the UK in September 1994 and has spread throughout Europe. Frances Naylor, VH-1's executive producer, explained that the channel bases its music programming on a group of "core" artists such as Phil Collins, Sting, Whitney Houston, and Celine Dion, whose cai to more mature viewers. However, she said, the main difference between the music programming on the two channels is not so much what





one won't see. "You won't see rap videos," she said, "you won't see techno, you won't see house."

While Naylor said the programmers consider this a "fairly strict policy," they are likely to make exceptions, especially later at night, for more halladic rap groups such as Coolio and younger artists like Kula Shaker. whose '60s-influenced sound may appeal to VH-1 viewers.

The European VH-1 continues the tradition of presenting music clips from the '60s, '70s, and 80s, which have all hut disappeared from MTV.

This, Navlor said, has presented extra work for VH-1's production team. "The music video was really developed in the mid-'80s." To find earlier clips, she explained, the production crew has scoured television archives looking at old music programs to find classic performances. "We find that the music selection is less threatening one will see on VH-1 but what than the one on MTV," she said.

The other main difference between the two stations comes in non-music programming. Along with music videos, MTV fills out its schedule with news specials, game shows, and programs such as "The Real World." Naylor said that VH-1 will concentrate exclusively on music videos and music-related interview shows, rounding out its programming with live concerts and shows dedicated to musical genres such as

Meet MTV's older sister, VH-1

soul and country. One VH-1 program which has proven to be a hit in the US and UK is "Pop Up Video." The show presents music clips laced with "fact balloons" - captions featuring bits of trivia about the artist. the video, and the song. These halloons generally exhibit a longue-in-cheek sensibility. Showing Boh Seger's song "Night Moves," for instance, the halloons noted that in the game of chess, a knight moves one step forward and one diagonal. It was

also pointed out that Seger would have had to work more than 35 years at his original joh at a car factory to earn the royalties generated by his single.

The decision to replace Channel V arises from limited channel space, which leaves room for only two music channels on the local cable system. While this may sadden fans of

chirpy Bollywood film clips and David Hasselboff videos, these fans are in the distinct minority of local viewers, says Duer. Channel V has become increasingly Far East, more and more Indian, more and more Pakistani," he said. "Our surveys showed that it is not relevant for

the average viewer." Among the hosts on the new channel, longtime viewers of MTV Europe will note the return of two former MTV vcejays. Pip Dann, who also served as a host of MTV news, now helms a live called The Bridge. Paul King, who had a top-10 hit in 1985 with the song "Love and Pride," will host two VH-1 chart shows. Will all this work? According to

Duer, the cable channels certainly seem to think so. While Channel V came as part of the standard satellite channels, the cable franchises agreed to pay a hefty licensing fee for VH-1. Duer is convinced VH-1 will outperform Channel V's 0.2 share of the cable ratings (compared to a 2 share for MTV) and hopes that the new channel will even be a close com-

The local music tastes may yet bear out Duer's hopes. While most young Israelis lose their taste for dance and techno after the army, they retain an interest in '60s music. Also, given the long standing affection of Israeli music audiences for VH-1 mainstays such as Joc Cocker and Simply Red, the new station may become performance show on VH-1 a cultural arbiter yet.

Elli Jaffe: Against all odds End of an era for

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

n the face of it. Elli Jaffe had everything going against his becoming a musician, let alone a symphony conductor. But today, the 44-year-old Jerusalemite is one of the most respected maestros in

laffe grew up in an Orthodox family in Jerusalem where, as a child, he suffered from polio. He did not recognize the magic of classical music until he was 19. I heard Zubin Mehta conduct Mahler's second symphony and I realized that was what I wanted to do in life. I began studying scores and worked on developing my memory. Today, I conduct

everything hy heart."

Jaffe's Czech connection began
in 1991 when he Ied a Czech chamber-music concert in Strasbourg. "It was just after the Gulf War. The event celebrated the connection between the twin cities of Ramat Gan and Strasbourg. It was such a successful concert that I was invited to conduct in Prague as well. From then on, I have conducted there at least twice a year."

Jaffe's concerts with the Prague Symphony. Orchestra receive unanimous critical and public acclaim in the Czech capital, where he has performed such musical milestones as Elijah and Richard Strauss's Alpine Symphony. This year he will return to conduct orchestral excerpts from Wagner's Ring and Stravinsky's Petrouchka.

While Jaffe is a major hit in Prague, he has fewer engagements here, which saddens him. Recently, however, he has received offers from several major musical organizations in Israel, which he is considering. In between his symphonic

engagements, Jaffe makes music with the choir of the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem, where he has served as music director for many years. In November the choir will perform in major European cities, including concerts at Salzhurg'a renowned Mozarteum. This entire tour was organized



Jaffe thanks God for having survived polio and 'being able to stand and conduct for hours on end.'

with quotations from the Bible

and the liturgy, believes that

music can help create peaceful

coexistence between religious

and nonreligious Jews in Israel.

"I am a religious person but I

admire many things among the

nonreligious. I think we must

discover how to give and take

from each other, respect each

other, and learn to live together

Jaffe describes himself as a

Today, no one even thinks

Eili Jaffe's story can be seen

this Saturday night on Israeli

TV's Channel One at 10:30.

in harmony."

hy a Gentile impresario. Many non-Jews enjoy listening to liturgical Jewish music. In fact, I see it as a mission to present our music to people all over the world, and in Israel too for that

mauer." In fact, Jaffe leads many cantorial concerts in Israel. One of his major aims is not to ghettoize cantorial music hut to present it within a larger context of classical music.

Does being religious conflict "simple Jew, a conductor and with a career as an international composer who is first and foremost a father to his three boys." conductor? Not necessarily. asserts Jaffe. "I never conduct on He thanks God for having sur-Shahhat or during our holidays. vived polio and "being able to stand and conduct for hours on In Prague they respect me for that. They have even changed end." Despite the polio, he joined concert dates from Friday evening to Saturday night so that the army when he was 18. "I did not want anyone to have any pity on me," says Jaffe. 1 can perform. The only limitation I have imposed on myself is that I do not conduct music with about Jaffe's childhood illness, Christian texts. So although the which still affects his walk slightly. Today, Elli Jaffe is a Verdi requiem is one of the works I cherish, I will not conprominent conductor who made duct it. The only one I will do is the odds work in his favor. the Brahms requiem, which has a

different rext." Jaffe, who peppers his speech

the Simta Theater

petitor.

By HELEN KAYE

That's all this fuss about being a pen-sioner?" asks Niko Nitai irritably. "On the contrary, I'll go on doing what I've always done except that now I won't have to devote time to administration

and promoting this place."
"This place" is the municipal-Simta Theater in Old Jaffa, Nitai's fiefdom, his pride and joy since he founded it in 1982. But this dyedin-the-wool lion of the fringe is a municipal employee. So at 65,

willy-nilly, the municipality will, on Friday, retire him from his position as the theater'a general manager and artistic director.

Operating his theater on a shoestring, Nitai has put on an astonishing 77 new Israeli plays in the course of his 12yearSimta Original Play Festival. He has also showcased scores of

young theater artists who have gone on to make a name for themselves, such as actor/director Itzik Weingarten; playwright Shlomi Moskowitz, now a sought-after screenwriter, and award-winning theater artist Neta Plotsky.

"I know of few people who have run institutional theaters and yet remained creatively on the fringe." says Plotsky, who worked at Simta in the early years and will reprise the hit Sinim, Sinim "Chinese, Chinese"), in the Salute to Simta week that starts on September 16.

The Simta has also presented Nitai's own artistic choices - little-known plays or his own adaptations from the European canon, works that a repertory theater usually shies away from but have struck a chord with Simta's faithful following.

On September 20 Nitai will present the 2,300th performance of Albert Camus's The Fall, which premiered in 1975. His production of Jean Giradoux's Tiger at the Gates opened this summer,

The Simta has also been home to some of the country's most celehrated actors who return to that venue to reroot themselves, such as Israeli Academy Award winner

Moshe Ivgi.
"Niko does his work with love. His affection for actors is extraordinary. He gave us the freedom and opportunity to work. He has something-to say and to give, and he's always supportive," says Ivei, who played at the Simta in David Mamet's Duck Variations in 1988 and in the Israeli play Autostrada two years ago. He managed to

create true fringe, the kind that doesn't look to the box office."

Actor Sharon Alexander, currently starring in two Simus plays, made his directorial debut with Meat this spring. He says that Nitai gave him advice but never imposed his own ego on what he was doing. Who else could do

that?" says Alexander. Nitai himself is most satisfied with the theater's attributes its repertory, its reputation as a supportive framework for young artists, and for the playwrights he introduced "because we have to go on fighting for the unusual and the uncommon, or theater has no right to exist. Art is freedom, and artists

need a home," Nitai asserts. However the "discerning eye" that Plotsky grants Nitai also allowed him to choose lighter. more commercial fare "so that the theater wouldn't become clitist and divorced from its audience,

as he puts it. Yet it's fitting that Nitai's swansong as the theater's general director should be Superior Beings, an early play by German film giant

Rainer Werner Fasshinder "For better or worse, Nitai has put his stamp on the Simta," says Tel Aviv culture head Mordechai Virshubski. "Now there will be changes, but the Simta will continue to go in the direction of innov-

incomparable Sany with Arm George Taubner piano, Pancho Blumenzweig bass, Rami Hann -



Admission: NIS 40, Discount for Museum members, Olim, Students, Soldiers, Seniors and Visa gold card holders: NIS 35.

Entrance includes wine and



Concert proceeds benefit the Jerusalem Post Funds. The Museum opens at 21:00 and the music begins at 21:30 BIBLE LANDS MUSEUM JERUSALEM 25 GRANOT ST. MUSEUM ROW TEL: 02-8811088

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HELEN KAYE

In Gefilte Fish, gifted actress Oma Rothberg sings in Yiddish and chats with the audience in Hebrew. It's a lively cabarel act that ties together her very Israeli personality with her Eastern European heritage. Opens tonight at Habimah Heineken Club at 8:30.

In his official swan song for the Simta director Niko Nitai (he's retiring from management) has adapted and directed Rainer Werner Fassbinder's early play Ha'elyonim (Pre-paradise Sorry Now is the original title), a fictional look at the sado-masochistic relationship that developed between serial murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley. p.m. (Hebrew).



Tonight at the Simta in Jaffa at 9 Orna Rothberg sings in her Yiddish cabaret act 'Gefilte Fish.'

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

There are only two more opportunities to hear the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba opening concert in which music director Uri Mayer conducts his musicians in Schubert's fourth ("Tragic") symphony and Josef Bardanashvili's Elegy (Psalm 22). The Georgian-born composer, who immigrated to Israel in 1995, describes the piece as "a tonal work written in the basso ostinato style. In spite of its restrained tones, this elegy is deeply expressive and comprises all the layers of human emotions. The work reflects an original primordial human being's spiritual experi-

Brazilian-born pianist Cristina Ortiz plays Beethoven's third piano concerto tonight at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum, 8:30. The orchestra then changes programs and opens its Jewels of the Opera season with excerpts from Rossini's delightful comic romp L'Italiana in Algeri. Mayer is once again on the podium. He will be joined by mezzo-soprano Galina Malinsky, tenor Felix Livshitz, and bass-baritone Yuri Kissin, Saturday (9) and next Tuesday (8:30) in

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** BEAN — British comic Rowan Atkinson has lopsided eyes, big flaps for ears, almost no cbin, and a sharp beak of a nose that slopes to a perilous point. His jaggedly disproportionate features seem expressly designed to help him make funny faces, and in the new film based on his popular TV character, he bas ample opportunity to do just that. Bit for bit, Bean is constructed of some of the zaniest and most delightful physical comedy of the last several years, although attempts to recount this humor in words ("and then be puts a turkey in the microwave...") are bound to come up short, reducing the quirky comic logic of Bean's bearing to a laundry list of predictable and abruptsounding gags. Most of these routines, though, build gradually, ingeniously, through a carefully choreographed progression of actions and reactions, often of Bean to himself. Directed by Mel (The Tall Guy) Smith, and written by Richard Curtis and Robin Driscoll (both veterans of Mr. Bean, the film takes shape as a hyperbolic wbirlwind tour of LA, where the very English Mr. Bean seems even more profoundly out of place than usual. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles.





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26 Can Aoglican novice withdraw? (6)

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1 Prophet caused some confusion on Sunday (5)

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side on a farm vehicle (9) 12 Press cutting holder (5-4)

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16 I will take semething round the Channel Islands although it is illegal (7)

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22 Sarah is consuming fibre!



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19 Pleasure boat (5)

23 Scottish resort (3)

20 Tribe (4)

QUICK CROSSWORD

DOWN ACROSS 1 Defensive ditch 1 Grieving (8) 5 Scope (4) 2 Unwell (5) 8 Natural relationship (8) 3 Simpleton (10) 9 Heath (4) 4 Kernel (3) 11 Brass musicians 6 Marsupial (7) 7 Skilled shot (8) 14 Poor horse (3) 16 Greek philosopher (5) 10 Disconnecting (10) 12 Labour leader (5) 17 Extinct bird (3) 13 Backpack (8)

18 Camera user's hobby (11)

21 Italian wine (4)

22 Raving mad (8)

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24 Boot (4)

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her sister's family and witnesses a murder III CHILDREN (5) 6:30 Cartoons

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2:00 Tonight Show (rpt) III STAR PLUS

7:30 Wonder Years 6:00 Oprah Wintrey 9:00 E! TV 9:30 Madeleine 10:00 Nine to Five 10:30 Chicago Hope 11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 12:00 Santa Berbara 13:00 Crystal Maze 14:00 Wonder Years

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6:30 Bodies in Motion 19:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Israeli Motorsports 17:30 Fabulous World of Speed 19:30 Israeli Handball 19:30 World's Strongest Man - final round 20:30 MLS Soccer 21:00 Boxing 23:00 Fabulous Werld

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9:30 Cart: PPG Cart from Monterey 10:30 Extreme Games 11:30 Rowing 13:30 Rally: 1997 world cup 14:00 Wheelies 14:30 Motocross World Championship 15:00 Water Ski World Cup 15:30 Funsports 19:00 Cycling: Tour el Spain - Fifth Stage 18:00 Volleyball 19:00 Motors Magazine 20:30 Soccer; Under-Championship 22:30 4x4 Offroad in 23:00 Soccer: 1998 World Cup Qualifying

2:00 Cycling III STAR SPORTS

6:00 Tennis: US Open 7:00 A look at the US 7:30 4x4 Offroad 6:30 Sports Unlimited 9:30 Tennis: US Open

France Women's Tour

15:00 International Motorsports News 16:00 Salling 16:30 Tennis: US Open Championship 20:00 PGA Tour 21:30 Soccer; LG Cup: Tunisla vs. Gambia 23:30 World of Super League Rugby 1:30 Tennis; US Open Championship 2:30 Sports Unlimited

BBC WORLD

News on the hour 7:30 BBC Reporters 8:00 Newsdesk 9:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 10:30 BBC Reporters 11:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt)
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15:30 BBC Reporters 19:15 World Business 16:30 Asla-Pacific

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6:06 Morning Concent 9:05 Schubert: Wanderer Fantasy; Mozart: Violin concer to no 5; Vivaldi: The Four Seasons: Fala: The Three Cornered Hat ballet music: Dvorak Piano trio op 90 "Dumky" 12:00 Light Classical works by Gershwin, Elgar, Mozart, Hugo

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Harmonious Blacksmith : Schubert: Fantasy in F minor D940; Schumann: Dichterliebe song cycle; Relnecke: Sonata in E minor for flute and piano op 167 "Ondine"; Lalo: Piano trio in C minor op 7 20:05 Live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium - Israe Sinfonietta Beersheba, cond. Uri Meyer; Christina Oniz. Yosel

Randanshvill: Elegy Symphony no 4 "Tragic"; Beethoven: Piano concerto no 3 23:00 Golden Generation - Mahler: Symphony no 4, comparison of performances. Vienna PO cond. Bruno Walter, Concertgebouw cond. Willem Mengelberg

MOVIES

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Love 7:15, 9:45 - Different for Girls
7:15, 9:45 - All Baba (Habrew dialogue)
-The Adventures of Pinocchio
(Hebrew dialogue) 4:45 JERUSALEM
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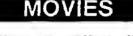
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By JUDY SIEGEL

The Amharic-language weekly. Pana, urged readers yesterday to drop their membership in the Leumit health fund because it won't pay for drugs that can keep AIDS patients and HIV carriers alive.

According to the Health Ministry, about 120 Ethiopian immigrants require the medication, which is made up of a socalled "cocktail" of drugs, including AZT. The dosage costs \$1,200 a month per patient. The treatment has proven effective in at least 40% of cases, by significantly

lowering HIV virus blood levels. Of those who need the medicine. 90% belong to Leumit. But Leumit does not include the drugs in its bas-ket of services, as the Health Ministry does not require it to do so.

Writing in the newspaper, MK Adisu Massala of Labor, wrote that given Leumit's policy, the country's 62,000 Ethiopian immigrants had no choice but to boycott the fund. He also noted that everyone has the right to switch health funds up to twice a year.

When immigrants came in Operation Solomon, Kupat Holim Leumii applied to a public tender to establish community clinics at caravan sites, so that many of the immigrants would join and remain in that health fund." Massala, an Ethiopian immigrant, wrote. "Now the health fund has decided to abandon these people and refuse to give them the health care they need. ... Leumit is risking lives."

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Leumit's chairman. Avraham Hershson of Likud responded that "our heart is torn between the requirements of conscience to help patients and budget constraints that don't allow us to cover the costs.

He called on the Health Ministry to cover the costs of expensive medications that aren't in the basket of health services.

Hershson also wrote a letter demanding that Health Minister Yehoshua Matza immediately

come up with a solution. Ministry spokesman Dubi Ben-Ami said that it can't force health funds to pay for the drugs. He also accused the Treasury of refusing to add 14 vital drugs to the basket of health services provided by the government.

Archeological site linked to Paul

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Archeologists believe they have uncovered the building in Caesarea in which Paul, the greatest figure of the early Christian church, was incarcerated for two years before being sent to Rome for trial in 60 CE.

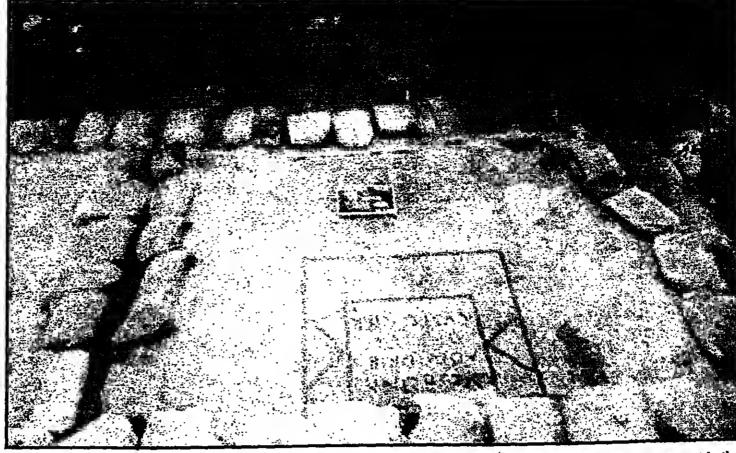
A building complex covering 15,000 square meters has been identified as the Roman government seat in the 1st century CE. when Caesarea was capital of

According to Yosef Porat of the Israel Antiquities Authority. who headed this summer's excavations, the complex included a large palace with a luxurious bathhouse and administrative offices. The site is tocaled between the Roman amphitheater and hippodrome, close to

A mosaic floor in one of the rooms uncovered in the office wing bore the Latin inscription .adviorib(us) offici custodiar, translated by Prof. Leah de Segni of the Hebrew University as "...l came to this office - I shall be secure." Prof. Werner Eck of the University of Koln suggested that the room served as the office of a unit connected with security.

Porat said that the office wing of the complex likely housed the audience hall into which Paul was brought for a hearing before the Roman procurator. The Jewish leadership in Jerusalem had demanded Paul's trial after he preached "transgressions of the law" on the Temple Mount and brought gentiles into the Temple. As a Roman citizen, Paul could. and did, demand trial before a Roman court.

"I appeal to Caesar," he said,



Archeologists think the room outlined by this mosaic floor, in the Caesarea complex identified as the Roman government seat in the 1st century CE, is where St. Paul was held as an early Christian. The inscription reads: 'I came to this office - I shall be secure.'

according to Acts of the Apostles. A change in procurators apparently led to his extended incarceration in Caesarea before being

Only about 60 percent of the site

shipped off to Rome.

has been excavated thus far, said Porat, and no room has yet been identified as the audience hall into which Paul was brought.

The excavation began almost two decades ago when its full size was not yet known. It was initially presumed to be Herod's seaside

Herod by a generation. Porat said he sees the site becoming a major attraction for

palace but excavations subse-

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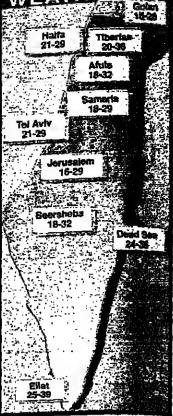
Budget cuts have meanwhile halted further excavations.

Paul's epistles laid the foundations for Christian theology. Born as Saul, the son of a Jew in Tarsus, be studied in Jerusalem with Rabbi Gamliel and assisted at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

His conversion to the religion Christian pilgrimage in the future. he had persecuted came on the

road to Damascus. According to Acts, he heard a voice asking why do you persecute me?" When he asked who was speaking, the reply was "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

Paul's fate after being sent to Rome is unclear. By one account, he was martyred during the persecutions initiated by Nero.



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AROUND THE WORLD

Hunger striker demands Lebanon pullout

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

Yoram Kastiel staked out a lonely post yesterday on the sidewalk opposite the Defense Ministry, as he launched a hunger strike calling for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.

Next to a hand-lettered sign reading. I'm hunger striking to force the defense minister to do the right thing and get the IDF out of Lebanon, Kastiel sipped water, chain-smoked, and listened to the jeers coming from the Tel Aviv commuters heading past him on

Rehov Kaplan towards the Ayalon Sure. I'm getting some criticism,"

admitted Kastiel, a lanky, tanned, blueeyed man in a T-shirt and faded jeans. "But for every negative comment I hear, I'm getting at least three people telling me that they are supportive of what I'm

Numerous young soldiers serving in the army headquarters compound glanced at Kastiel and his sign as they passed, but

most walked by without comment. The 34-year-old is a veteran of the

Lebanon War, in which he was wounded. Five years after his injury, he wrote a book critical of the presence in Lebanon entitled. We've Gone Out of Our Minds -When are We Going to Return?

Despite his authorship of the book, he insists, he is not generally politically active - "I was never one to go to demonstrations. I'm just a regular citizen." Divorced, Kastiel lives in Azur and

earns his living trimming trees and shrubbery. He says it was February's helicopter disaster, and then last week's botched commando raid, that pushed him into

beginning a hunger strike.
"All of these years have passed since 1

served in Lebanon and nothing has changed. We've lost 1,500 soldiers and the Katyushas are still falling, and the politicians do nothing. They pay more attention to the question of who gets what ministry than this problem in Lebanon.

'After the helicopter disaster, I heard David Levy on the radio talking about how much the situation pains him. Well, he's been saying for the past 15 years that it's pained him, but what has he done? I feel as if I don't do something like this

hunger strike, my children are going to have to serve in Lebanon."

Although he decided to undertake the hunger strike alone, Kastiel has called on other IDF veterans to join him.

By mid-afternoon, Kastiel's loneliness was relieved somewhat by Illi Kaufman, a representative of Women for a Withdrawal from Lebanon. She said that her group had gathered signatures on a petition of support for Kastiel,

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Kaufman says that recent events have created grass-roots momentum for the cause of withdrawing from Lebanon.

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PA tells its supreme court not to intervene in professor's arrest

The Palestinian Supreme Court was told by Palestinian security officials yesterday not to intervene in the arrest of a Gaza lecturer. The man has been held for more than two months after questioning his students about corruption in the Palestinian Authority.

A representative of the attorneygeneral, Ahmed Siam, told the court that Al-Azhar University Prof. Fathi Subuh bad been investigated and charged by a state security court. He said the Supreme Court does not bave

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jurisdiction, because the case has been classified as a security matter. Siam did not elaborate on the security charges, but added that Attorney-General Fayez Abu Rahme had signed two requests for an extension of Subuh's detention.

Minutes later, the three-judge panel adjourned and postponed the continuation of the hearing for another month Human rights activists pointed

to yesterday's hearing as the latest example of how Palestinian civil courts have become submissive to

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PA security authorities. Subuh was arrested on July 2

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after he gave his English class a test that included questions on corruption in the PA and the university, which is aligned with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. His attorney, Raji Sourani, said that since the detention, Subuh, 43, has been held without charges and without the right to an attorney's visit.

Palestinian security authorities have refused to respond to a High Court order for them to explain Subuh's detention. There are no charges here, just

talk," Sourani told the judges. The laws were not respected in Although Subuh's charges were not listed in yesterday's hearing, Abu Rahme said he is accused of "dealing with Israel and other offenses, including mistreating girl students.

Sourani, who also heads the Palestinian Center for Human Rights, told the three judged that his client was accused of treason during his interrogations.

At the same time, the attorney said. Abu Rahme had promised that Subuh would be released imminently. Subuh himself was not brought to the largely empty courtroom, which was attended by a buman rights activist, Subuh's wife, and a university colleague. There were no representatives of the Palestinian press in the court-

Were there charges filed?" Supreme Court Judge Radwan

Yes," Siam replied. Sourani stood up. "This is a sur-prise," he said. "I have asked the prosecutor for a file and this is the first time I've been told that there

Later, Abu Rahme appeared hes itant to define bis role in the Subuh case, but acknowledged that he had signed the detention

Asked to explain his representative's argument that the Supreme Court does not have jurisdiction when he signed an extension of Subuh's detention, Abu Rahme said even though the Gaza professor is now in a civilian jail, he is still under the authority of the state security court.

Bassam Eid, the only human rights activist attending the hearing, said the Subuh case reflects the intimidation of the Palestinian courts by security authorities. The judges don't really know what to do in this case," he said.

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the queen of spades, king of hearts, 8 of diamonds, and 8 of clubs, and the jack of spades, 8 of hearts, 10 of diamonds, and ace of clubs.

The winning numbers in yesterday's weekly Lotto drawing were 11, 19, 24, 27, 42, and 48. The supplementary number was 8.